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MARKET FORECAST

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May Warren
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Score one for Toronto, but not for people trying to buy a home.

In the ongoing debate over who has the hotter real estate market — Toronto or Vancouver — the GTA comes out ahead in a new market outlook report for 2017.

Average prices in the area expected to rise eight per cent compared to a cool two per cent in Greater Vancouver, according to the forecast from Re/Max.

Christopher Alexander, regional director of RE/MAX INTEGRA Ontario-Atlantic Canada Region, said it's the first time "in several years" the report has predicted a higher growth rate for Toronto compared to Vancouver. Last year it predicted an increase of seven per cent in Greater Vancouver and five per cent in the GTA.

But Alexander doesn't blame that all on the recent 15 per cent Vancouver foreign buyer's tax.

"The market in Vancouver was already starting to cool before they implemented the foreign buyers tax," he said. "It's really had the greatest impact on the upper end of the market, with prices and sales decreasing slightly as a result of the softer demand."

He said it's "possible" that some foreign buyers will be driven to the GTA "but we don't think it's going to have a significant impact."

The GTA is still hot because it has very high demand, he said, and this year's increase — at 17 per cent — came in much higher than the forecast.

Speaking at a Metro editorial board meeting on Wednesday, Toronto Mayor John Tory called the lack of housing options a "profound economic issue," but said the city doesn't have a magic lever it can pull to calm home prices.

His focus instead is on increasing supply of affordable rental housing and replacing and repairing social housing.

The city has made a "small start" through a program that put up $100 million worth of land and promised faster approvals and reduced fees in return for developers willing to build more affordable rentals.

But he's also "very hopeful" the next federal budget will use tax breaks offer more incentives to developers who delve into rentals.

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'It's like the Wild West out there'

TORONTO'S DEADLY STREETS

Campaign and bill aim to make school zones safer

Luke Simcoe
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A Toronto-area MPP is leading a campaign to make school zones in the city — and across the province — safer.

"It's like the Wild West out there," said Eglinton-Lawrence MPP Mike Colle. "Some schools have a sign or two, some schools adjoining major arterials have none at all. There's a total lack of uniformity.

"Where my grandchildren go, Runnymede public school, there's no sign on Runnymede telling people it's a school area," Colle said.

Colle is preparing a private member's bill that would expand school zones to include all roads adjacent to a school and also establish a minimum standard of pavement markings and signage to alert drivers.

"We can't imagine one child getting hurt here because we didn't remind drivers to slow down," he said.

The Liberal MPP told Metro he prepared the bill after speaking with parents from the Avenue Road Eglinton Community Association. The group has been fundraising so they can install "watch your speed" signs at nearby schools.

"It's crazy that parents have to ask for self-funding," Colle said. "That should be part of the options that are available."

Colle's bill would allow municipalities to decide how far they want to extend school zones around a given school, as well as how low the speed limits should be.

It would require pavement markings at the entrance to every school zone as well as flashing lights to be activated during pick-up and drop-off times.

INCREASING PENALTIES FOR DRIVERS

In addition to making school zones safer for children, Colle said the province needs to increase penalties for drivers who kill or injure pedestrians.

"I'm for quadrupling the fines and penalties, especially when you inflict serious injury on someone or if you kill someone," Colle said. "I would ban them from driving for life."

A driver who jumped the curb and killed 42-year-old Erica Stark in Riverdale in 2014 was convicted Monday of careless driving. Elizabeth Taylor, 35, was sentenced to a $1,000 fine and a six-month partial driving ban.

"It's not enough. It's not deterring people from speeding and distracted driving," Colle said.

Inaccessible place picked for accessibility meeting

HOUSING

Resident sick of city treating the issue as an afterthought

Joanna Lavoie
Metroland Media

Toronto city planners thought they'd found the perfect place to hold a public meeting on an accessible, affordable housing project in Toronto's east end.

The only trouble? The Royal Canadian Legion Baron Byng Beaches Branch 1/42 at 243 Coxwell Ave. isn't accessible.

A number of residents called the city last week after learning the only way to gain access to the legion is by using a set of seven steps.

The consultation was then moved to the nearby Lazy Daisy's Café at 1515 Gerrard St. E., but that space was also found to be unsuitable as its washroom facilities are in the basement.

The city has now postponed the meeting until early next year and will rebook it at an accessible location in the community.

"There was an oversight. We should have confirmed it was fully accessible and we didn't. It's really important to us that we are as inclusive as possible," said Kyle Knoeck, the city's manager of community planning for the Toronto and East York District — East Section.

Nine-year east Toronto resident Stephanie Ball was one of the residents who contacted city planning as well as her local councillor, Paula Fletcher.

Ball, who has used a power wheelchair for the last six years, said she "was very concerned" for her safety and that of others interested in attending the meeting. She's looking to move to a more accessible apartment in the Monarch Park area because the place she's currently staying doesn't meet her accessibility needs and is difficult to navigate.

"I just want an accessible, affordable place to live, but I couldn't even go to the meeting to find out more about it," she said. "I've been on the list for affordable, accessible housing for four years."

While Ball said she's pleased that the city is taking steps to rebook the community consultation at a more accessible location, she wishes accessibility wasn't an afterthought.

"It doesn't make sense at all. Sometimes I wonder. They should have just booked an accessible facility to begin with," she said. "It's hard being a young woman with a disability. Even in 2016, Toronto is not up to standards."

DETAILS

The meeting in question pertains to a planning application submitted by Innstead Co-operative Inc. for a six-storey mixed-use building at 355-363 Coxwell Ave., featuring:

- 33 affordable housing units
- a retail unit at ground level
- office space on sixth floor
- nine surface parking spots

A few residential apartments are set to be entirely accessible, with lowered countertops and switches as well as wheelchair-accessible showers.

Stephanie Ball contacted the city after learning that the location of a public meeting about the construction of an accessible, co-operative housing building at Upper Gerrard Street and Coxwell Avenue was not wheelchair accessible. JOANNA LAVOIE/BEACH MIRROR

LOCAL NEWS

One more behind bars for role in Danzig shooting

Three men are now serving prison sentences for their part in the July 2012 Danzig mass shooting that injured 23 people and ended the lives of Shyanne Charles, 14, and Joshua Yasay, 23.

Folorunso Owusu, who was 17 years old when he fired the shots that sparked the crossfire, was sentenced as an adult Wednesday to life in prison with no parole eligibility for seven years. But the man who returned fire with an Uzi submachine gun into the crowd remains unidentified. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Authorities warn of leaving meds out after toddler dies

Police are warning people to lock up their medication following the death of a toddler east of Toronto.

The incident took place on Nov. 19 after a Whitby family visited relatives.

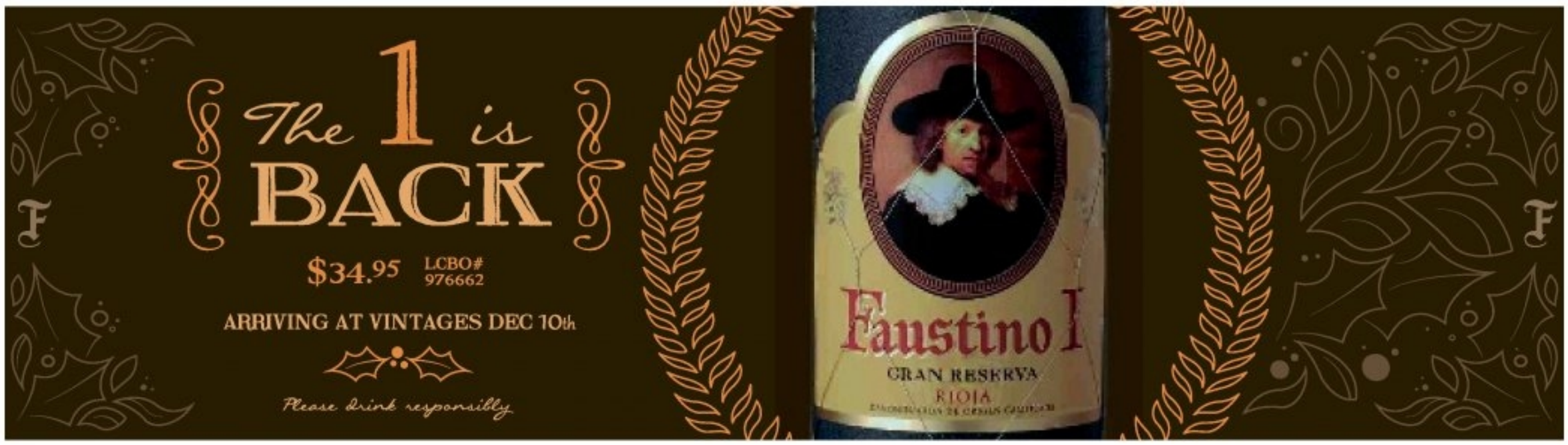
Police say a 13-month-old boy went into a bedroom and swallowed a single pill he found in the unlocked room. They did not specify the drug. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tougher regulations for rentals set to hit council

Toronto tenants are one step closer to safer, cleaner rental housing, with the debate over a new tighter regulatory system set to move to city council next week.

For the thousands of tenants battling pests or facing maintenance issues, the changes can't come soon enough.

The meeting was the last stop for a report produced by Municipal Licensing and Standards staff, who had been working to design and cost out a regulatory system that will be sent to council for approval in mid-December. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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First Nations School looking at expansion

EDUCATION

Plans include curriculum to Grade 12 and more students

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Toronto's First Nations School is anticipating big things in 2017 — starting with a new, more spacious location to accommodate more students.

Work is already underway to relocate the school from its current location near Dundas and Broadview into the former Eastern Commerce Collegiate Institute, which closed last year due to dwindling enrollment.

With more room, the school, which now offers classes to kids from nearly 20 First Nations, is also looking to expand its curriculum to Grade 12. Right now, it ends at Grade 8.

Jonathan Kakegamic, principal of the First Nations School, which is located in the same building as the former Eastern Commerce Collegiate Institute. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

It's also looking to grow to at least 650 students — up from the current 139 — and include non-native students who want to gain a deeper knowledge of indigenous culture and identity.

Many parents are sitting on waiting lists for "far too long," said Jonathan Kakegamic, the school's new principal.

"We want this place to become an urban indigenous centre of excellence," he said. "That's our vision, and that's how we can make education the centerpiece of Truth and Reconciliation process.

"These are very exciting times for indigenous families in Toronto and anyone interested in Aboriginal knowledge."

The school opened in 1977, teaching the same curriculum as other schools but with an emphasis on Aboriginal languages, culture and history. A special focus is put on mentorship, with local Aboriginal professionals talking to children about what it takes to succeed in life.

"That's very important considering what our people went through in the past," said Kakegamic, who previously served as a teacher and school principal in First Nations communities across Northern Ontario. "Our communities are facing so many suicide cases among young people because of not knowing their identity."

ANIMAL CRUELTY

Prong collar found embedded in neck

A Toronto woman has pleaded guilty to animal cruelty after her dog was found to have prongs from a training collar embedded in his neck.

When staff at the Toronto Humane Society took in one-year-old Maddox, a "Rottweiler-type dog" they saw that his prong collar was embedded into his neck. The staff used bolt cutters and discovered that all 16 prongs in the collar were embedded, according to a media release from the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

"For the most part he seemed OK but obviously the collar was embedded," said Tegan Buckingham, of the Toronto Humane Society. "He grew into in and the collar got lodged into his neck."

It was a twist of fate for that dog, said Brandon James, an inspector with the OSPCA.

"The collar was removed from the neck and it no longer has to live in the pain and discomfort that it was suffering," he said.

James said it is hard to say how long the dog was in pain and in this condition.

Maddox, a Rottweiler-type dog. COURTESY OSPCA

"The animal is a year old, so in that first year — say the collar was put on the pup months earlier — the animal grew into that collar and the collar grew into the neck," he said. "It was on for quite a while. The animal doesn't just grow. And the skin doesn't just grow. It was a significant amount of time to get to that point."

The dog has now been adopted by a new family.

Prong collars function similar to a shock collar where they provide a little bit of a pain or a pinch to the dog so the dog corrects his behavior, explained Buckingham.

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Deadly opioid is on Ontario's streets

PUBLIC SAFETY

Toronto police confirm first seizure of drug in Waterloo

Andrew Fifield
Metro | Toronto

The deadly drug linked to dozens of overdoses and public health emergencies in Western Canada has been detected in Ontario street drugs for the first time.

Police in Toronto say they've made their first confirmed seizure of the deadly drug carfentanil, saying Wednesday in a release that analysis of recently seized substances purported to be heroin tested positive for the drug, which is fatal in small doses and has a potency approximately 100 times that of fentanyl.

A warning was issued Tuesday in Waterloo Region, west of Toronto, after Health Canada found carfentanil in counterfeit pills seized by police.

The opioid carfentanil was confirmed to be in pills seized by Waterloo Regional Police in November. The round green pills were designed to look like Oxycontin, according to a release from the Waterloo Region Integrated Drug Strategy.

Carfentanil is an odourless and tasteless synthetic drug designed to sedate large animals, such as elephants. Even when used by veterinarians, another chemical is often required to pull the animals from sedation.

It is considered to be at least 100 times as toxic as fentanyl, another deadly opioid that has become sadly familiar to Canada's front line emergency workers.

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TINY DOSE

A tiny 20-microgram dose of the drug — smaller than a poppy seed — is enough to kill an average person.

Carfentanil. CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Oakwood Collegiate. DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Teen made school attack threat: police

The Toronto Police Service has charged a 17-year-old boy for allegedly threatening to attack Oakwood Collegiate Institute on the 27th anniversary of the École Polytechnique massacre.

Toronto Police Det. Len Nicholson, an investigator on the case, said the suspect had allegedly posted a threat against the Regal Heights-area high school on a "blogging site" based on "the west coast of the United States."

"He had mentioned in his threat about the day of the (Polytechnique) massacre… we do believe that was the day that it was going to be executed," Nicholson said.

Toronto Police were tipped off to the threatened attack against Oakwood on Dec. 1, courtesy of a caller from the U.S. Investigators eventually discovered the threat had been posted from a computer within the TDSB, although Nicholson wouldn't say if it happened at Oakwood specifically.

The boy faces one count each of uttering threats of bodily harm and uttering death threats. His name cannot be disclosed per the Youth Criminal Justice Act. He appeared in court Wednesday morning. "To the best of my knowledge, he was given bail at that time," Nicholson said.

As of Wednesday evening, police believed the suspect acted alone — but aren't entirely clear on why he posted the threat.

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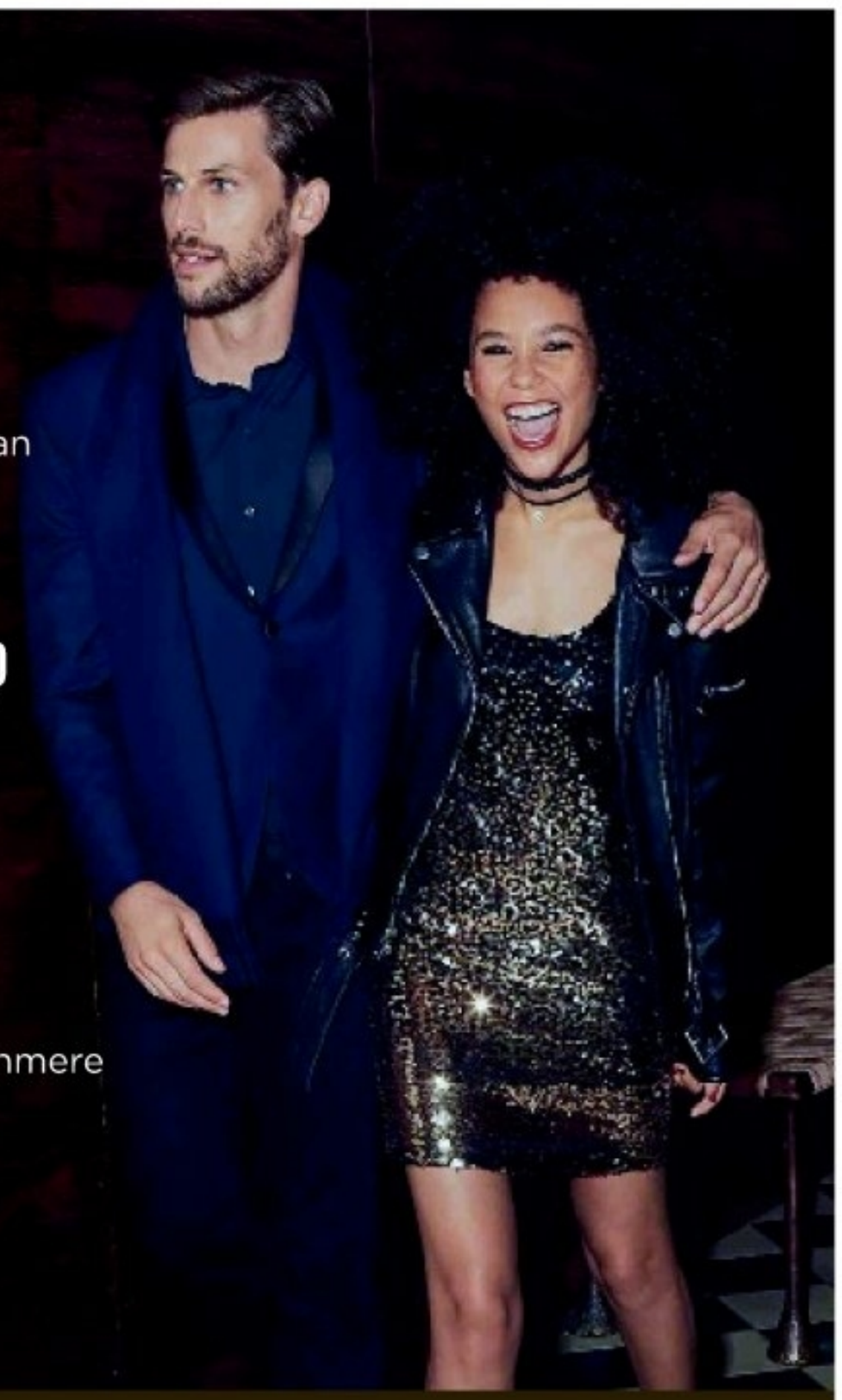

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Hydro One users get holiday pledge

ENERGY

Customers cut off due to unpaid bills to regain power

Hydro One is promising to have 1,400 customers back on the grid in time for Christmas after their electricity was cut off for failing to pay their bills.

The pledge came Wednesday with the provincial government under pressure over hydro prices that have put too many Ontarians into what opposition parties call "energy poverty."

"We're working through each of the cases," said Ferio Pugliese, the utility's executive vice-president of customer care.

"It'll take us the better part of the next five to seven days to get to them all."

Reconnection fees, which can reach up to $300 and are a barrier to many customers, are being waived. The accounts being reconnected are in arrears as much as $10,000, but most are under $1,000. About 500 are for premises that are now vacant.

Opposition parties at Queen's Park applauded the move but said it was a long time coming given that cold weather and long, dark nights are here.

"It shouldn't have happened in the first place. I'm glad that they're being reconnected and other utilities should follow the lead," said PC Leader Patrick Brown, noting that more than 500,000 Ontarians are in arrears on their hydro bills.

"There has to be more empathy and help for people who've planned a budget and seen their bills (rise)."

Energy Minister Glenn Thibeault said the government has proposed legislation — Bill 27 — that would ban any electric utility from cutting customers off during winter.

The Ontario Energy Board also has powers to increase fines on utilities that are too demanding in terms of payments from customers facing hardships.

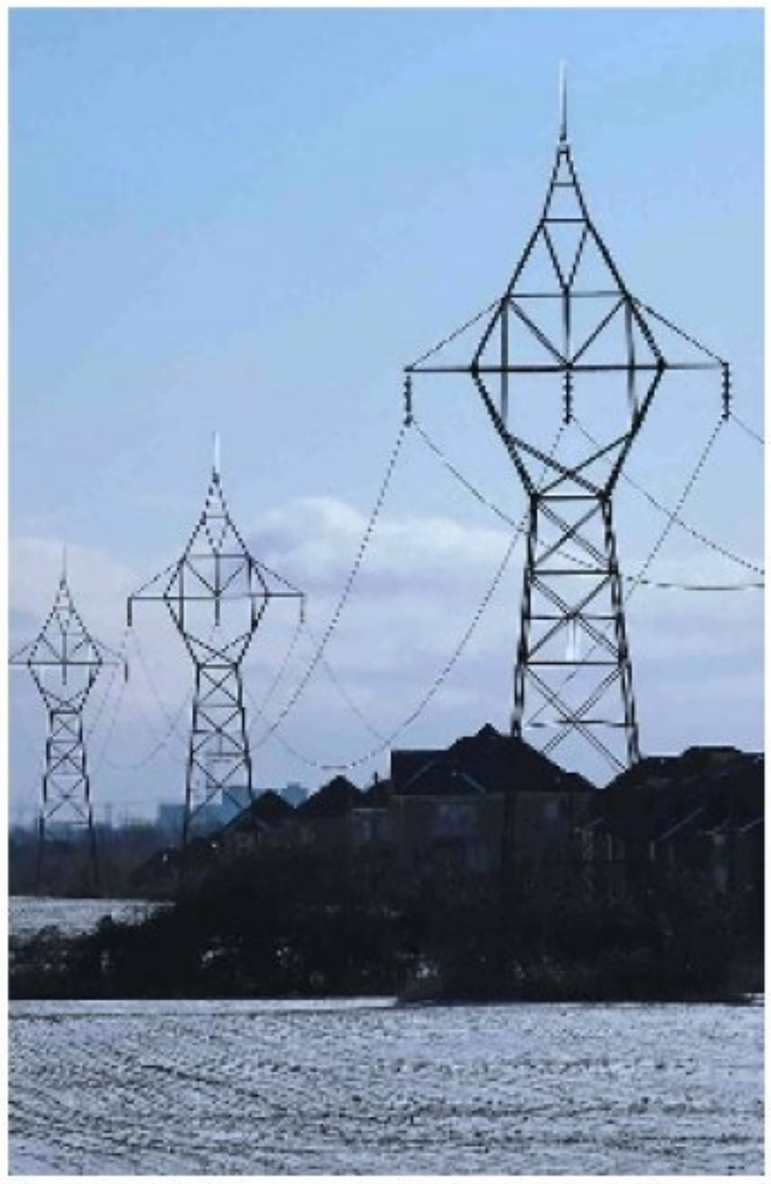
"When it comes to families, if they're feeling that they're being treated unfairly, contact the OEB," Thibeault said.

While Hydro One has a policy of not cutting customers off during the cold winter months, it has decided to use "greater latitude and discretion" with people whose accounts weren't paid in the last six months, Pugliese added.

NDP deputy leader Jagmeet Singh said it is "completely horrible" so many ratepayers are feeling the pinch but is heartened to see signs the government is listening.

"People are in a desperate situation. The desperation people are experiencing is finally getting through and people are listening." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

> **Other utilities should follow the lead.**
> Patrick Brown



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SYRIAN REFUGEES

Effort collects for kids

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

A Toronto social enterprise is bringing some holiday cheer to Syrian children in refugee camps.

Shivani Singh, co-founder of PATHFINDER, has launched an effort to collect holiday gifts — anything from shoes, socks, jackets, blankets and other winter necessities — to bring to children in refugee camps in the Middle East.

Canada has welcomed thousands of Syrian refugees, but Singh said the images of dead children fleeing the war-torn country continue to haunt her. "We're raising an entire generation that will have known nothing but war," she said.

Those children and their families who managed to get to refugee camps may have escaped the worst, but they're still in dire need, Singh said.

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'English is the link language'

BRAMPTON

Communication question for councillors and taxi industry

Sukhjot Naroo, co-founder of Brampton Beats, says some kind of English test for taxi drivers is "very important". TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Brampton Coun. Gurpreet Dhillon, left, was among those who voted to scrap the English test for cab drivers, while Coun. Gael Miles was the only one to voted not to. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

"It's an emergency. You need to get me to the hospital fast."

If you're a taxi driver and can't understand this basic English instruction, Brampton Coun. Gael Miles doesn't think you should be driving. Her council colleagues just voted to get rid of a mandatory English test for cabbies and she fears ride-sharing companies are setting new, lower standards.

While Brampton and cities such as Toronto still maintain basic English requirements for taxi drivers, Uber told Torstar News Service it isn't necessary for its drivers to speak English because of language translation software the company provides with its popular apps.

After Brampton council dumped the previously required short written English "benchmark" test to prove basic English skills, Miles, who cast the only vote to keep the test, is concerned that a driver might miss important details. She agrees with Brampton residents who are frustrated with the decision.

"In an emergency, parents may have to rely on a taxi driver to pick up a child or a senior or someone that is vulnerable," Miles said. "What confidence would you have knowing that the driver may not speak English?"

Even though some of her council colleagues agreed with Miles, the vote passed 9-1. Other councillors argued requirements already in place, such as a driver's licensing test in English, ensure taxi drivers are able to communicate well enough in English.

"We want to do the same thing the City of Toronto does," said Milton Bhangoo, a broker representative on the City of Brampton's taxicab advisory committee, who manages the local taxi company Kwik Kab. "Good drivers were running to Toronto because they don't have a test. My company and any good taxi company would never hire a driver who can't speak good English, who can't give good customer service."

But Sukhjot Naroo, co-founder of Brampton Beats, a social network site with more than 4,000 members focused on city hall issues, says some kind of English test is "very important."

"I'm not saying you have to write a written test, but there needs to be some kind of test to prove comprehension," Naroo said. "We have more than 40 ethnic communities in Brampton — English is the link language, it is the language we all share and have to communicate with each other in."

When Naroo tried to get a taxi licence in Mississauga three years ago he had to pass a verbal test (a Mississauga spokesperson confirmed that the verbal test using taped questions that drivers have to answer is still mandated). He supports a similar approach in Brampton.

"The taxi industry in Brampton is a big lobby, 4,000 drivers, all their family members and their sphere of influence. I hope the councillors didn't pander to this lobby. It seems reasonable to expect a working knowledge of English from taxi drivers. I think the competition from Uber is also driving this."

Uber spokesperson Susie Heath said, "We think that all Canadians should be eligible to drive on the Uber platform." She said translation software the company uses "can provide the same, if not a better, level of service … Reflecting the diversity of our city, hundreds of Torontonians are using the driver-partner application in over 10 languages across the GTA."

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FOCUS ON HOUSING

Single-family homes are passé

HOME OWNERSHIP

Young people getting creative to achieve that (altered) dream

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

With home ownership getting more expensive in places like Toronto, Canadians, especially younger ones, are open to unconventional paths toward finding their dream home.

A new report published Thursday by Re/Max shows one in three Canadians would consider purchasing a home with a family member.

Younger Canadians, aged 18-34, are even more open to the idea of sharing a mortgage. Half said they'd be willing to buy a home with a family member and 20 per cent even said they'd go in on a house with a roommate.

Christopher Alexander, RE/MAX INTEGRA's director for Ontario and Atlantic Canada, said it's "encouraging" that so many Canadians are looking at other means to get into the market.

Lower-floor family Mandy Wintink, left, Mike Lovas and their son, Ashar, 1, moved into a Leslieville home last spring with another family, who lives on the upper floor, Bronwyn Whyte, Lindsay White and their son, Nyjah, 1. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Joint home ownership is something Mandy Wintink knows well.

The 41-year-old and her husband bought a semi-detached Leslieville home last spring with their friends Lindsey White and Bronwyn Whyte.

One couple lives in the main floor with their young son, and the other on the upper level with theirs.

"We all think of each other as family," said Wintink, noting that neither couple would have been able to afford a home on their own.

> **"We all think of each other as family.**
> Mandy Wintink

While they've had a great experience so far, she "wouldn't recommend going in blind" and advised people to get to know their real estate partners before signing on the dotted line.

"It's like committing to a marriage," she said.

Bosley Real Estate agent Chris Cansick, who helped the couples buy their home together, said there's been "a lot of talk" about join ownership, but not many other takers.

"It's a very viable thing it's probably going to happen more and more going forward," he said.

"Everyone still wants that cookie-cutter home that's perfectly staged," he said. "But you have to make some trade-offs."

BY THE NUMBERS

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Canadians aged 18-34 who would consider purchasing a home with a family member

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Canadians aged 18-34 who would rent out a room on a vacation site like Airbnb

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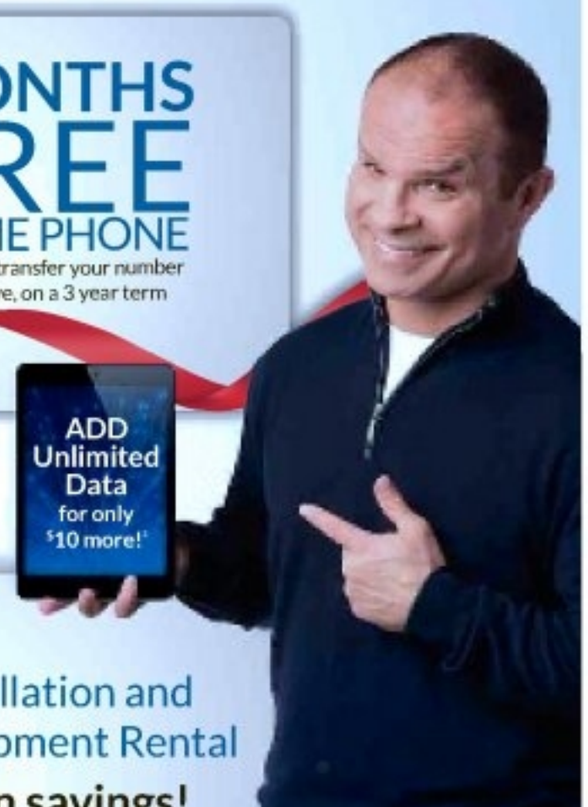

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'Pizzagate' author says she has no regrets

Stefanie MacWilliams
FACEBOOK

Following the spread of fake news and "Pizzagate" — which inspired a violent incident in a Washington, D.C. eatery — leads to at least one surprising destination: the home of a stay-at-home mom and writer in Belleville, Ont.

Stefanie MacWilliams, a contributor to Planet Free Will, wrote an article last month that took off on social media.

In it she recounted a man's claims about a politically connected pedophile ring housed at the Comet Ping Pong pizza parlour in the U.S. capital.

Last Sunday, Edgar Welch was arrested after he discharged a rifle in the restaurant. He later said he only wanted to investigate the claims.

"I kind of wanted to put out the information that was there with the statement I'm not accusing anyone of anything, there's no concrete evidence of anything," MacWilliams said Wednesday.

Planet Free Will was among the websites called out by the New York Times for sharing fake news.

MacWilliams, 24, began writing for the website earlier this year and is one of its three contributors, along with owner and editor Joe Jankowski, a self-described libertarian who started the website in January as a hobby.

Despite the fallout of Pizzagate, MacWilliams said: "I really have no regrets and it's honestly really grown our audience."

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York Region school trustee Nancy Elgie says there is "no merit" in an accusation that she uttered a racial slur about a black parent after a recent public school board meeting.
ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Trustee accused of using slur

YORK REGION

Nancy Elgie makes denial, pledges to co-operate

The York Region public school board is investigating accusations that a trustee referred to a black parent as a "n—" in front of others after a public meeting, the Star has learned.

The board is already reeling from a string of controversies. This latest allegation comes as it struggles with numerous complaints of racism and Islamophobia — and criticism from Ontario's education minister, who had previously demanded a report on how it is handling parents' concerns.

"We are aware of the allegation and at a staff level have brought in a third party to conduct an independent investigation (into the alleged slur)," education director J. Philip Parappally said in an email. "Racism of any kind is not acceptable, and we have policies and procedures in place in the event allegations of this nature are made by anyone affiliated with the board, attending our schools or working for the board. This includes trustees."

While the board has not named the trustee in question, several sources confirmed it is Nancy Elgie, 82, who has been on the board since 2000.

Reached at her Keswick home, Elgie said "there is no merit in the accusation, but I will co-operate fully in the investigation."

When asked if she was denying having uttered the slur, she responded: "I'm not saying anything like that … I'm just saying there is no merit in the accusation." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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METROTALKS A MAYOR'S AGENDA

New year, new Tory

Toronto's mayor visits Metro to lay out his priorities — and promises — for 2017

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

John Tory wants Toronto to continue topping lists of the world's most liveable cities well after he's out of office. Making sure that happens will be a guiding principle in his agenda for the new year.

It won't be easy. The city's rapid population growth is pushing resources to the limit.

But, Tory insists he's doing everything he can to keep pace, including his proposal for controversial road tolls to bring in much needed revenue.

He's also stepping up demands on other levels of government.

"The province and the feds, unlike the city, have sources of revenue that grow with the economy," he said.

"So I'm saying please share that with the level of government that actually has the responsibility to deliver the services. We're building and operating the transit, we're operating all the social housing in the province, we're actually fixing the roads and doing the policing."

Tory said bringing those other levels of government to the table is one of his priorities for the new year.

He also has a number of other items on his to-do list for 2017, including four issues Metro considers key to building a better city.

Mayor John Tory talked about some of his plans for 2017 at Metro on Wednesday. LANCE MCMILLAN/FOR METRO

ROAD SAFETY

The day after more than 20 pedestrians were hit by drivers in Toronto — marking the most violent day on the roads all year — Tory pledged to "take even more of a leadership role" when it comes to safer streets.

"What's been going on this year is unacceptable," he said. "We need people to pay attention, and it's drivers I'm talking about particularly, as they go about driving around a busy city."

Toronto's new transportation manager, Barbara Gray, starts Monday, and Tory said one of her top priorities will be finding ways to enhance or accelerate the new $80-million road safety plan.

Gray is the former deputy director of Seattle's department of transportation.

The mayor said her track record of pedestrian safety initiatives was "one of the reasons she was hired."

After the draft road safety plan was criticized for being "timid" last summer, Tory and his colleagues on council increased the budget by $12 million and pledged to eliminate — not just reduce — the number of deaths and serious injuries on our roads.

HOUSING

If there's an area where Tory wants help from the province and the feds, this might just be his big ask.

Crumbling social housing and skyrocketing rent are threatening to force people out of the city. Tory called that "a profound economic and social issue," but one the city cannot tackle alone.

The mayor said "bold" action is necessary to tackle the problem.

However, in an effort to be "as honest as possible," he acknowledges the city can do little to cool off a real estate market driven mostly by supply and demand.

"The really big thing we can do together, governments and the private sector, is to increase supply. Why is the price going up for rental housing? It's because there's not enough rental housing," he said, noting that the city needs more policies to encourage developers to build affordable units.

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Toronto is home to more than 38,000 Indigenous Canadians, but Tory acknowledged they have no "focal point" for accessing municipal services.

That's going to change in 2017, the mayor said, with the appointment of an individual whose job will be to liaise between indigenous communities and various city departments.

"It has to be a person who is an indigenous person I believe to be credible in the job," said Tory.

The new position is one of the ways the city is adopting the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Other measures include raising the flags of local indigenous communities at City Hall and hosting a Walk for Reconciliation.

TORY FOCUS FOR 2017

- 'More leadership' on road safety
- Appointing a First Nations liaison
- Action on housing affordability
- Meeting with Black Lives Matter

BLACK LIVES MATTER

If the mayor had his way, Tory said he would have met with representatives from Black Lives Matter Toronto three months ago.

"I've been relying on the advice of city staff as to when we're going to have the meeting I said we would have," Tory told Metro. "I'm concerned it's taken too long."

Tensions between the mayor and the anti-racism advocacy group came to a head earlier this year, following a weeks-long Black Lives Matter protest outside police headquarters. The group demanded a public meeting with the mayor to discuss anti-black racism in the city, but Tory said he would only meet behind closed doors.

He eventually relented, and agreed to meet publicly with the group and other community members in April. The promised meeting has yet to materialize, but Tory promised it would take place in 2017.

"Nobody is going to talk me out of it," he said. "I'm committed to having that meeting, I want to have that meeting and the meeting is important first start to a process of engagement with Black Lives Matter."

City hall committees must reflect the whole city — downtown too

Matt Elliott
Metro | Toronto

Over the next couple of years, city hall's public works and infrastructure committee will make recommendations about bike lanes, road safety and other infrastructure in Toronto's rapidly growing downtown.

But there's a problem. Unless something changes, the committee won't have anyone from downtown on it. There won't even be anyone who represents an area south of Bloor Street.

The five councillors recommended for mid-term appointment to the committee this week are Coun. Christin Carmichael Greb and Coun. Anthony Perruzza from North York, Coun. Stephen Holyday and Coun. Giorgio Mammoliti from Etobicoke, and Coun. Chin Lee from Scarborough. They'll join committee chair Coun. Jaye Robinson, who represents a North York ward.

Asked about the lack of downtown representation on this and other key city committees during a meeting with Metro on Wednesday, Tory downplayed the issue.

"I think too much is made of this. I do my best to achieve a balance," he explained.

He also pointed out the appointments were simply based on a survey where councillors ranked their top three committee choices. But his explanation falls a bit short.

First, while, sure, it would be impossible to give everyone their first choice, it is notable that every councillor who selected the public works committee as their top choice was selected, except for two: Coun. Gord Perks of Parkdale-High Park and Coun. Mike Layton of Trinity-Spadina. Both come from urban wards and would have been good picks — even if their ideology doesn't always align with Tory's.

Second, Tory should know that handing people responsibilities based purely on their whims and wishes is no way to run a business.

The make-up of city hall committees should prioritize representation and experience above all else.

New member Mammoliti earlier this year referred to cyclists as "psychos" while returning member Holyday has voted against lowering speed limits and claimed that "somebody needs to stand up for drivers in this city."

Not really views shared with most of the people I know living downtown. Not really people I want shaping the infrastructure strategies that will affect my life.

It's easy to downplay this but a balanced and representative committee could be better equipped to develop better consensus recommendations that don't lead to council squabbling and on-the-fly amendments.

Thankfully, there's still time to fix things. Tory and council will vote to approve the committee appointments at their meeting next week.

This shouldn't be about surveys or ideology. It should be about making sure the entire city has a voice.

Sponsorship to speed up

GOVERNMENT

Another $25M allotted for immigration backlog

Ottawa has vowed to cut the processing times and backlogs for spousal immigration applications by more than half with an expanded annual quota for 2017 and a new simplified application kit available next week.

Starting immediately, most spousal sponsorship applications submitted in and outside Canada will be processed within 12 months, down from the current average of 26 months and 18 months respectively, Immigration Minister John McCallum announced on Wednesday.

"We have listened to Canadians and are delivering results. Bringing families together makes for a stronger Canada. Canadians who marry someone from abroad shouldn't have to wait for years to have them immigrate or be left with uncertainty in terms of their ability to stay," McCallum told a news conference in Brampton.

> **Bringing families together makes for a stronger Canada.**
> John McCallum

"What we are announcing today is a more efficient, more considerate process to reunite families."

Complaints by Canadians and their foreign spouses and dependants over long processing times and lengthy separations had fallen on deaf ears under the previous Conservative government.

Although the Liberals had made fixing the backlog a priority during the election campaign, the immigration department had been preoccupied with the ambitious project to resettle tens of thousands of Syrian refugees.

With an additional $25 million allotted to reduce the immigration backlog in its 2016 budget, the immigration department has managed to reduce the processing times of spousal sponsorship applications by 15 per cent for inland applicants and by more than 10 per cent for those waiting overseas.

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IN BRIEF

U.S. border bill introduced

A long-awaited bill to simplify crossing the Canadian-U.S. border has been introduced in the U.S. Congress. The Harper and Trudeau governments have both signed so-called preclearance deals with the Obama administration, but it required implementing legislation and lawmakers had not made it a priority.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Democracy poll hacked

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

An Ottawa man said he has voted multiple times in the Liberal government's new democracy survey and believes it's designed to fail.

Ammario Reza said just by using different devices and logging onto a café's Wi-Fi he has managed to vote multiple times in the mydemocracy.ca website.

"All it asks for is a postal code and that's it. It accepted the results," he said. "It just kept accepting the results over and over again."

David Valentin, executive vice-president of Mainstreet Research, said the inclusion of a postal code actually helps create a survey that will be fairly measured.

"If 1,000 people in my postal code in Montreal fill out the survey, our responses are only going to count proportional to our population."

Edmonton volunteers are offering carnations to women wearing hijabs with the message, "This is for you." KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

EDMONTON

Flowers used to fight racism

Sarah Hoyles
For Metro | Edmonton

Janelle Venne is one of dozens of volunteers who handed out flowers to Muslim women Wednesday at Edmonton's University LRT station.

The daylong effort, where volunteers offered 1,000 carnations to women wearing hijabs with the message, "This is for you," is in response to recent news of a man holding a noose and threatening Muslim women at the station.

More than a dozen volunteers have stepped up to help.

Volunteers raised money for the flowers through local donations and from donations outside the city.

In just 24 hours, the Alberta Muslim Public Affairs Council raised $500.

The flowers are in response to a Nov. 8 incident at the station, when an elderly man threatened two young women wearing hijabs.

One of the women took video of the man pulling a rope from his pocket, tying a noose with it before issuing the threat, "This is for you!"

The man then proceeded to sing O Canada in front of the two women. Yesterday, police arrested a suspect.

On Friday the Alberta Muslim Public Affairs Council called on police to fully prosecute the person involved.

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Thousands shelter in mosques after quake

INDONESIA

Nearly 100 people killed, hundreds more injured

Family members gather around earthquake victims in Pidie Jaya, Aceh province, Indonesia, on Wednesday. A strong earthquake rocked Aceh province, killing a large number of people and sparking a frantic rescue effort in the rubble of dozens of collapsed and damaged buildings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thousands of people in the Indonesian province of Aceh took refuge for the night in mosques and temporary shelters after a strong earthquake Wednesday killed nearly 100 people and destroyed dozens of buildings.

Some were homeless after the quake made their houses unsafe and others were too scared to return home. Killer quakes occur regularly in the region, where many live with the terrifying memory of a giant Dec. 26, 2004, earthquake that struck off Sumatra. The magnitude-9.1 quake triggered a devastating tsunami that killed more than 100,000 Acehnese.

Maj. Gen. Tatang Sulaiman, chief of the army in Aceh province, said at least 97 died in the magnitude-6.5 quake that hit before dawn Wednesday, while four people had been pulled from the rubble alive. The Indonesian government declared a two-week emergency period in Aceh and some aid was already reaching hard-hit areas.

The rescue effort involving thousands of search officials, villagers, soldiers and police is concentrated on Meureudu, a severely affected town in Pidie Jaya district near the epicenter. Excavators and rescue teams removed debris from shop houses and other buildings where people were believed to be buried.

The pace of the search slowed after night fall, hampered by rain and blackouts.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the earthquake was centred about 19 kilometres southeast of Sigli, a town near the northern tip of Sumatra, at a depth of 17 kilometres. The agency had initially placed the epicenter undersea. It did not generate a tsunami.

Siti Rukiah, 51, a mother of four, was among the many people taking refuge in local mosques. She and about 100 other people from Pante Raja, a seaside village in Pidie Jaya district, fled to Nur Abdullah mosque located on higher ground in a nearby hamlet.

She said the quake was shallow and felt so powerful she had to grab onto a table to keep from falling down. She was sure a tsunami was coming.

> I'm really scared about a tsunami. I don't want to return home tonight.
> Siti Rukiah

"I'm really scared about a tsunami," said Rukiah, whose brother and neighbours died in the 2004 disaster. "I don't want to return home tonight, not only because my house is damaged, but I am still afraid an aftershock could cause a tsunami."

Aceh's disaster mitigation agency said more than 600 people were injured. The national disaster agency said about 245 buildings were seriously damaged or destroyed in Pidie Jaya and neighbouring Bireuen district, including 14 mosques. The rest were mainly dwellings and shop houses. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EMOJI

Japan worried 'onsen' emoji will confuse Olympic tourists

Rebecca Chiu
Metro | Toronto

Japan is worried Westerners visiting for the Olympics in Tokyo will be confused by a popular map and sign symbol indicating hot springs, and expect food to be awaiting them instead.

The country is more than three years away from hosting the 2020 Summer Games, but officials think the onsen symbol looks too much like a plate of hot food with steam rising from it.

The symbol representing hot springs is already included in emoji sets from both Apple and Google, who have taken inspiration from Japan's maps and signs.

The companies could have to do the same if Japan decides to make the change.

The country is reviewing some 90 other symbols as Japan prepares to host the Games and the tourists, athletes and media that come with the event.

Japan might change the 'onsen' symbol — meant to indicate hot springs. Officials worry Olympics tourists could mistake the symbol for hot food. TWITTER.COM

IRAQ

UN scrambles to find space Mosul's displaced

The UN is scrambling to find enough land to shelter those displaced by the fighting to retake Mosul from Daesh as humanitarians brace for the exodus of as many as 700,000 people from the city, an official said Wednesday.

Bruno Geddo, the UN's top humanitarian official in Iraq, said that there is currently enough space in camps for 180,000 people.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Starbucks to open 12,000 new outlets

GROWTH

More food, app with artificial intelligence in five-year plan

Starbucks, looking to the future as its longtime CEO moves to other projects, plans to open 12,000 new locations within five years to boost its number of coffee shops worldwide by almost 50 per cent.

The Seattle-based chain is also adding more food to its menu next year, including organic soups, gluten-free breakfast sandwiches and a wheat-free cooked egg product. And sometime in 2017, customers will be able to talk to the Starbucks app to order a latte or cookie instead of tapping their smartphones.

Starbucks outlined its five-year growth plans to investors on Wednesday, about a week after it announced that Howard Schultz, who has built Starbucks into a global brand with 25,000 locations since first joining the company more than 30 years ago, would step down as CEO in April. Starbucks has been facing increasing competition from Dunkin' Donuts and McDonald's as those companies add more specialty coffee drinks to their menus.

About 5,000 of the 12,000 stores Starbucks plans to open by 2021 will be in China. The company said again that it expects China to eventually overtake the U.S. as its largest market, but didn't say when it expects that to happen. Today there are about 2,500 stores in China and more than 13,000 in the U.S.

Starbucks also wants to get more customers to buy lunch at its shops by offering organic soups and adding more sandwiches and wraps. Iced beverages, such as cold brew coffee and iced lattes, are expected to become more popular in the next five years and account for about half of beverage sales, the company said.

An app update next year will use artificial intelligence technology to let customers order by voice and have the app respond immediately with a message. In China, the company said it is teaming up with messaging app WeChat to let users buy digital Starbucks gift cards for their friends.

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5,000

Number of new outlets Starbucks plans to open by 2021 in China.

Starbucks is increasing the total number of its coffee shops worldwide by almost 50 per cent. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

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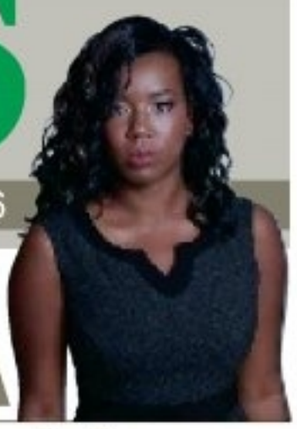

EMMA TEITEL ON A SNUBBED SUFFRAGETTE

I was ticked off that Nellie McClung wasn't going to appear on money until I revisited the life and times of my childhood hero and learned some unsavoury things

When I was a kid I had two heroes: Queen Hatshepsut, the fifth pharaoh of the eighteenth dynasty of Egypt, and Nellie McClung, the late and great suffragette of Winnipeg.

Needless to say, these women did not have a lot in common. Queen Hatshepsut wore a fake beard and is believed to have gone to bed with her architect, Senenmut, on a regular basis. Something tells me that McClung, a no-nonsense Christian and a teetotaler, wasn't a big fan of sex out of wedlock (even with a master builder) or, for that matter, dressing up in drag.

But like Queen Hatshepsut, McClung was a big fan of women's legal rights — a cause she fought long and hard for alongside the rest of "The Famous Five": Henrietta Muir Edwards, Irene Parlby, Louise McKinney and Emily Murphy.

In 1929, McClung and her peers successfully petitioned for a woman's right to be appointed to the Senate in the landmark "Persons Case" — now immortalized in Canadian history textbooks and more importantly, on TV, in its very own Canadian Heritage Minute. (When it comes to an important event in Canadian history, I do wonder, if there's no Heritage Minute to show for it, did it really happen?)

McClung was also a fierce proponent of property rights for married women, children's health and dental care, and safe working conditions in the typically gruesome factories of the day.

It's no wonder why so many of us assumed she'd be the first non-royal female face to appear on Canadian currency.

When Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced earlier this year that a woman's face would at long last grace a Canadian banknote, McClung was believed by many to be a shoo-in for the position. And yet, despite being the favourite choice in online polls, McClung was not selected to appear on the official short list of female currency candidates. The final decision will be revealed Thursday.

COMPLICATED LEGACY Nellie McClung, shown in an undated photo, was left off the short list of famous Canadian women who are in the running to appear on a banknote.
C. JESSOP/NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF CANADA/THE CANADIAN PRESS

In no particular order, the short list comprises E. Pauline Johnson, Viola Desmond, Elizabeth MacGill, Fanny Rosenfeld and Idola Saint-Jean: all remarkable and worthy candidates (whose achievements range from resistance to racism, to writing, to Olympic running), but who are also arguably far less known than McClung. And it turns out, far less controversial.

The McClung omission ticked off a lot of people. It ticked me off too, until I revisited the life and times of my childhood hero and learned some pretty unsavoury things about the suffragette that my textbooks may have glossed over (or that I may have chosen to ignore). McClung did a lot of good, but she did a lot of bad too. And I'm not referring to the predictable breed of bad that almost everyone in her day was party to (for example, a casual prejudice against minorities and gay people). I'm talking about the kind of bad that verges on evil: like, say, championing eugenics and the forced sterilization of mentally disabled and mentally ill people.

Unfortunately, this sort of thing was Nellie McClung's bag, so much so that according to The Canadian Encyclopedia, McClung's public enthusiasm for eugenics was a big help in the passage of the Alberta Sexual Sterilization Act in 1928, a piece of legislation that enabled the sterilization of almost 3,000 people between 1929 and 1972.

Suddenly, McClung's omission from the currency short list doesn't seem quite so strange, does it? Suddenly, it makes a lot more sense.

A nation's currency — the cash that lines our wallets and creases in our pockets — isn't a private institution or a university scholarship available to few; it's a public resource used (and abused) by all Canadians, the mentally disabled and the mentally ill alike. And I'd much rather see a personage grace my dollar bills who didn't count "legislate eugenics" among her life's greatest achievements. (Also, for the record, there are dozens of other ways to immortalize Canadians with complicated legacies; a more useful question than "Why isn't Nellie McClung on our money?" is "Why aren't there more films and TV shows about the Famous Five?")

Some critics of the McClung omission, such as Shannon VanRaes of Metro Winnipeg, argue that eliminating the suffragette from the running on account of her sterilization advocacy is proof of a sexist double standard. There are, after all a multitude of morally bankrupt men on our banknotes. Why should their faces remain crumpled on the cash in our purses, while McClung's is relegated to history textbooks?

But this argument is misleading. Because the question before us isn't about bank notes past — when people rarely, if ever, questioned the commemoration of a historical figure on account of his or her sins against a marginalized group. The question before us is about bank notes present. And in the present moment, and in the age of president-elect Donald Trump no less, it's a good thing that we don't jump to immortalize historical figures on our national currency who championed eugenics.

This isn't proof of an outdated sexist double standard. It's proof of a modern moral standard that bends toward the dignity of everyone.

A nation's currency is a public resource used by all Canadians, including the mentally disabled

Emma Teitel is a national affairs columnist for the Toronto Star.

VICKY MOCHAMA

An ode to Canada's own pronoun protector

I had hoped that if we stopped caring then one day
Jordan Peterson would gracefully go away
In many interviews with the nation's press
(And well, naturally. Of course. Who else?)
He tells of how he was once a prof at Harvard
Just so you know he's the best, a super smart nerd.

As a professor, though, it seems he'd be a pest
Because, as the breadth and scope of his views suggest,
He has no real interest in citing his sources
Or going back to solely teaching his courses.

But he won't fade away; no, he simply will not.
He's determined to keep the outrage fires hot.
Talking to C2C Journal, a mag of ideas,
He shared a few of his own, and I was all ears:
He won't use gender pronouns like xe, xim or xer.
It's his right not to do so. (The law protects this cur.)

Yet none of that is new — not worth the contention,
It's his other views that bear paying attention:
Women weren't discriminated against, says he.
An untruth so bold as saying a cat is a tree.

Although out his depth, he continues to swim:
The pill makes girls dislike macho men like him.
What the research truly says, if you care to know
is women's choices change, along with their flow.
So in amplifying our tastes, the pill plays a part;
It won't make us hate men — we do that cause it's smart.

Peterson spouts lines from Breitbart, The Daily Mail
Where science gets turned into a right-wing fairy tale.
He worries he'll be fired for speaking his truth.
I'm more concerned that he's teaching our youth.

Dr. Jordan Peterson, the controversial, and newly apostrophized, University of Toronto professor. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Sia later? Singer splits from filmmaker husband Erik Anders Lang

Dress to be the hottest person at the party

Holiday Ideas

It's that time of year again. Jack Frost nipping at your nose, yuletide carols sung by a choir, and folks dressed up like ... well, thank goodness we're here to help you with that last one. Toronto-based fashion stylist Hazel Ong suggests using seasonal festivities as an excuse to sport something you wouldn't any other time of year. Oh, and: "wear something you can dance all night in," she says. Here are some outfit suggestions, broken down by personality type. NICHOLE JANKOWSKI/METRO'S RETAIL INSIDER

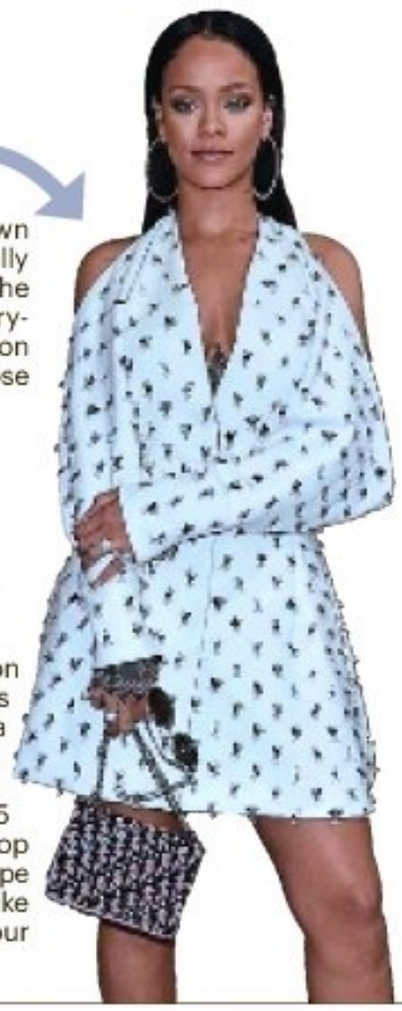
COURTESY BALENCIAGA

The Flirt: show off a work-appropriate erogenous zone

December is still cuffing season, so if you're single and looking to lock one down then consider showing off this season's totally office-party appropriate erogenous zone: the shoulders. Off-the-shoulder has been everywhere since spring but for men, JW Anderson has been doing it since Fall/Winter 2013. Chose a seasonal fabric like a velvet or metallic.

The Centre of Attention: helical striped stockings

If you want to be the most talked-about person in the room then candy cane-striped stockings are for you. Pair red and white tights with a floral or brocade dress for the most impact. The Balenciaga Fall/Winter 2016 runway version seen here is available online, but for $195 it might be worth checking your local sex shop first. Remember, you're looking for a helical stripe that winds up the leg — the idea isn't to look like the Wicked Witch of the West, you want your gams to look like two barber poles.



The Foodie: cinnamon browns and biscotti beiges

If you are what you eat, then why not dress the part? From cinnamon browns to biscotti beiges, head-to-toe nudes are everywhere thanks to Yeezy Season 3 and the Kardashian clan. May we suggest a gingerbread man-inspired ensemble? Choose an overcoat or blazer with oversized buttons to really finish the look.

Rihanna in Christian Dior and Solange Knowles is pictured at a Eckhaus Latta show. Knowles is also wearing Brother Vellies shoes, designed by Canadian Aurora James and carried at Nordstrom's The Space. PASCAL LE SEGRETAIN AND MIREYA ACIERTO/GETTY

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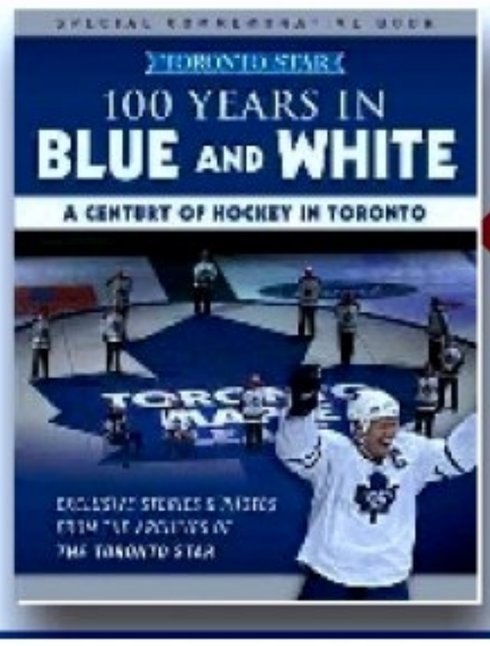

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Pharrell puts on the Ritz with Chanel

Pharell Williams and Lily-Rose Depp walk between chairs at the Ritz Paris during the Chanel Collection des Metiers d'Art 2016/17 : Paris Cosmopolite show on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

KARL LAGERFELD

Designs evoke Cafe Society dresses worn at storied hotel

Pharrell Williams put on the Ritz for Chanel's scintillating mid-season fashion show Tuesday — donning pearls on the Cafe Society catwalk at the restaurant of the newly refurbished Ritz Paris.

The singer, who called the experience "surreal," got cheers as he weaved, in a long tweed coat, between the dinner tables of well-heeled VIPs who included actresses Jada Pinkett-Smith, Willow Smith and Clemence Poesy, as well as singer Vanessa Paradis and South Korean superstar G-Dragon.

Williams was joined on the unusual runway by models such as Cara Delevingne, Georgia May Jagger and Lily-Rose Depp, who wore roses in their hair for the exuberant collection. The fashion lineup featured shimmering, tight-waisted silhouettes with strong shoulders and rendered in navy and off-white with flashes of red and dazzling gold.

The designs evoked the Cafe Society evening dresses once worn at the storied hotel — with glimmering embroideries, sunray pleats and marabou and ostrich feathers.

As ever, the nostalgia was infused with modernity in the form of oversized black bubble jackets and funky, bejeweled necklaces that cascaded down the torso.

The Ritz has a special significance for the fashion house as it's where Coco Chanel used to live.

"It's surreal, as there's so much history artistically. And Chanel is a brand that I respect artistically, so I feel like it makes a lot of sense (to host the show at the hotel)," Williams told The Associated Press.

About his choice of look, he answered simply: "I like pearls."

The mid-season "art et metiers" collection honouring the craftsmanship of the Chanel atelier is held once a year in a special location. In previous years, the Chanel atelier has travelled to Rome, Salzburg, Dallas, Edinburgh, Mumbai and New York.

The one item from the show the famed couturier did not share enthusiasm for were the luxury pastries the dinner guests ate along with tea and "Belle Epoque" champagne.

"I don't eat this kind of stuff," said Lagerfeld, who famously lost 92 pounds in 13 months more than a decade ago.

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When some of us fly, we wear sweat pants, fight for arm rests and eat dry chicken. When others fly, they guzzle champagne, wrap themselves in cashmere scarves and sleep peacefully in fold-out beds. If you know someone who fits into the latter category — or aspires to fit into it — we've got the gift guide for you. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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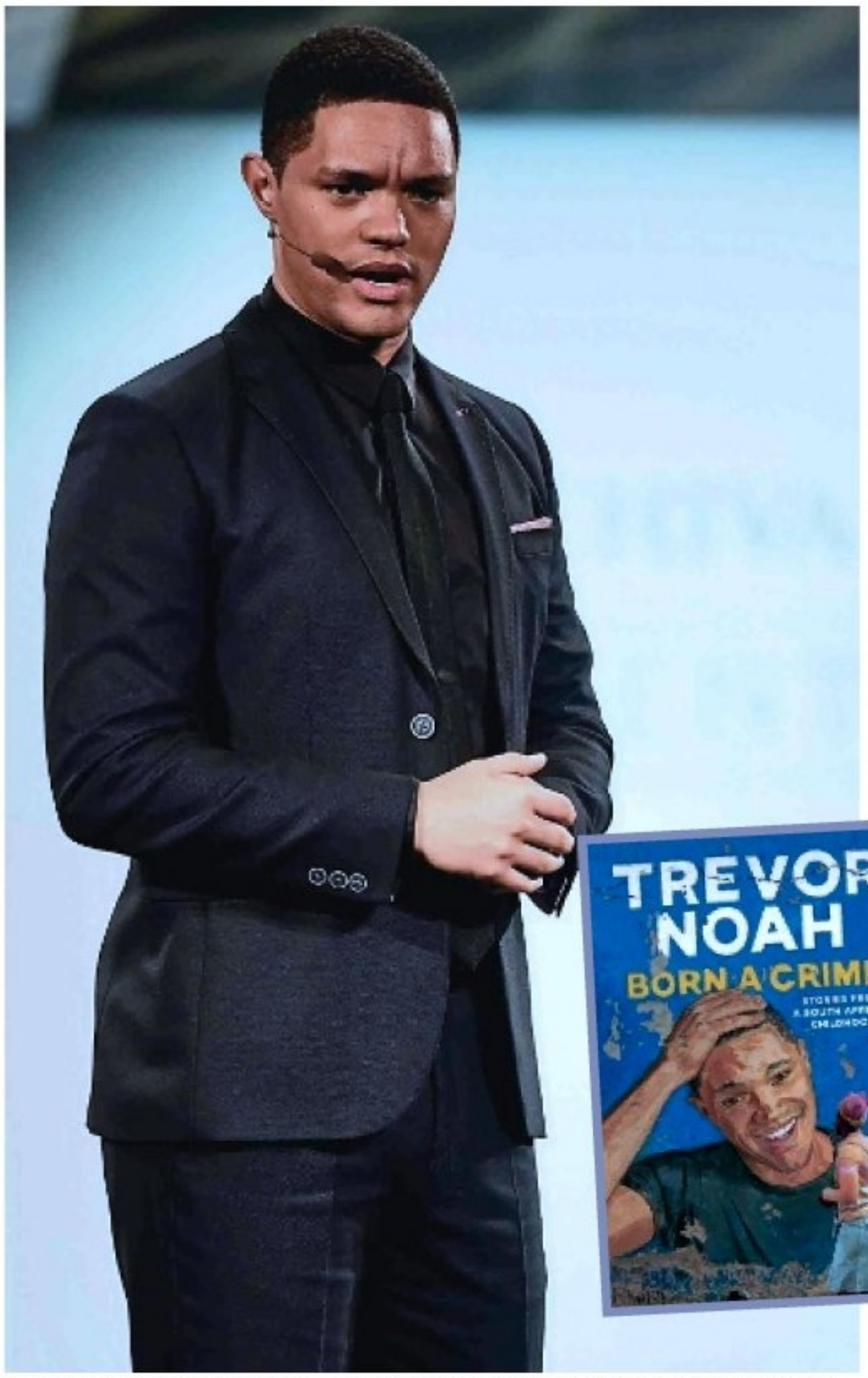


Trevor Noah shares 18 personal essays about growing up as a child of a white Swiss man and black Xhosa woman in apartheid South Africa. GETTY IMAGES

Trevor Noah, natural-born storyteller

BORN A CRIME

An outsider living in apartheid South Africa

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

When Trevor Noah was a kid, his mom would tell stories about how talkative he was. It was like he had a radio in his chest, she would say.

Well before he became one of South Africa's most famous entertainment exports — first as a stand-up comedian, and then as host of the late-night Daily Show — Noah was a natural storyteller, a gift he no doubt inherited from his mother, Patricia, who also emerges as the fierce hero of his new memoir, Born a Crime.

Told in 18 personal essays that are in turn humorous and horrifying, Born a Crime revisits Noah's early years living in apartheid South Africa as the child of a white Swiss man and a black Xhosa woman. The title refers to the fact that under apartheid rule, mixed-race relationships were illegal and could land a couple in prison, and any resulting offspring could be taken away without warning. Noah's relationship with his father was kept hidden, and even rare walks with his mother were fraught with tension. Although apartheid ended when Noah was six, its legacy of poverty, violence and racism remained a constant in his family's lives.

While writing the book, Noah sought out friends and family who reminded him of his early life, and retold their memories.

"I tried to keep the book sounding like I'm telling you the stories, as opposed to a journalistic foray into my life," he says.

Similar to other celebrity memoirs such as Patti Smith's Just Kids, Noah's coming-of-age tale makes little reference to his future success.

> **The great thing about being an outsider is that it forces me to empathize.**
> Trevor Noah

"My main intention was always to stay in around my childhood stories, to give some insight into the world I grew up in," he says.

Growing up, Noah's world was shaped by his lighter skin tone: considered neither black nor white, he became something of a curiosity in both communities. Happily a loner, he spent his time indoors reading books and creating imaginary worlds; he now observes how being on the periphery has helped him living abroad in New York.

"The great thing about being an outsider is that it forces me to empathize and to acknowledge that the world isn't just the way that I see it. You know that communication won't always be met with the utmost enthusiasm," he says. "When I'm at the Daily Show, or even doing stand-up and travelling, you are essentially trying to communicate across worlds. It's something that I really enjoy doing."

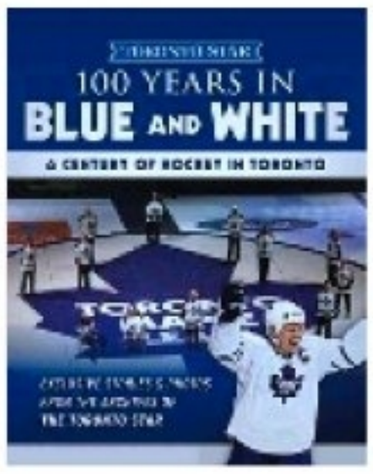
As a teenager, Noah — who hawked pirated CDs and used the money to create a mini-DJing empire in a nearby crime-ridden shantytown — figured out how to use his outsider status to his advantage. Upon Patricia's insistence, he learned six languages, a skill that enabled him to slip in and out of various social cliques, and squeak out of trouble. It laid the groundwork for his stand-up act, which often features mimicry, and gave him an understanding of how comedy can contain various rhythms, depending on the language spoken.

"When you move between different languages what's really fun is you think in a different way completely,' he says. "You explore parts of your personality in a different way."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

BOOK EXCERPT 100 YEARS IN BLUE AND WHITE

'It was our last kick at the bucket'



Coming from the archives of the Toronto Star, **100 Years in Blue and White: A Century of Hockey in Toronto** takes readers inside the dressing rooms and fabled arenas of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

In this excerpt — which was written by Paul Hunter and Joseph Hall and appeared in the Star on April 7, 2012 — former Leaf Red Kelly looks back at the team's 1967 Stanley Cup win.

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The day's mail almost always includes a few items for Red Kelly to autograph and return. It's part of the 84-year-old's routine. But a photo arrived at his Toronto home a few days ago that caused him to pause. It was a picture of the Leafs '67 Stanley Cup winner.

"I was just looking at the picture of that team and thinking, 'Holy man, we won the Cup?'" he says, incredulity in his voice.

"We really were the over-the-hill gang and we made it. Looking at the team, you'd say, 'Boy, there had to be a lot of good things happen there.' I was thinking (coach Punch) Imlach must have done a pretty good job. I know a lot of people were mad at him, a lot of players were upset with him, but he was smart behind the bench, putting the right players out in a game."

One of the good things, of course, was Kelly. He'd been a Norris Trophy winner as the league's top defenceman with Detroit, where he won four Stanley Cups before moving on to Toronto. He won another four championships after the Leafs converted him to centre.

Members of the Leafs' 1967 Cup-winning team were honoured (top) before a game in 2007. DAVID COOPER/TORONTO STAR **(Left) King Clancy celebrated with Johnny Bower after the 1967 win.** FRANK LENNON/TORONTO STAR

But as much as he admired Imlach's strategizing, Kelly recalls that an illness that knocked the autocratic coach out of commission for 10 games helped turn around the club's fortunes that season.

Toronto had struggled through a 10-game losing streak that dragged into early February. When Imlach was rushed to hospital with what were believed to be heart problems in mid-Feb¬ruary, upbeat team executive King Clancy took over behind the bench and his easygoing approach was a tonic for the stressed team.

Clancy kept everyone energized, curtailed the grueling workouts and, essentially, rolled his lines. Kelly recalled that the unit of Bob Pulford, Pete Stemkowski and Jim Pappin — put together by Clancy — got hot and continued their torrid scoring once Imlach returned late in the season. The production from young players such as Stemkowski and Pappin would prove crucial to the Stanley Cup win. Clancy stepped aside with a 7–1–2 record as interim coach.

Even as Kelly was edging toward his eighth Stanley Cup, he knew the end of his career was at hand. He'd also served for three years as a Liberal member of Parliament during his Leafs run and was becoming increasingly fatigued with the toll that simultaneous careers in politics and hockey were taking.

However, he was playing so well — he picked up two assists in the Cup-clinching game — that the Leafs offered him a four-year contract extension. Driving to Maple Leaf Gardens on the day of Game 6, Kelly told his wife Andra that it was going to be his last game if they won.

"I was just, 'You can't let down.' We had to fight right till the end. Now we can let down. You were happy but it was the end now."

Andra says she didn't see much of that last game because she had tears in her eyes.

"I knew it was the end of a wonderful time," she says.

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER **WHAT I'M WATCHING**

The rewarding luxury of time

THE SHOW: Westworld, S1, E10 (HBO)
THE MOMENT: The Escape

Ingrid Bolso Berdal, Leonardo Nam, Rodrigo Santoro and Thandie Newton in a scene from the Westworld season finale.
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Maeve (Thandie Newton), a robotic madam, seems to have achieved human consciousness. Now she's busting out of the eerily lifelike Westworld theme park, along with human scientist Felix (Leonardo Nam) and two gunslinger robots, Armistice (Ingrid Bolso Berdal) and Hector (Rodrigo Santoro).

They ride an elevator down to the lab. They traverse a hallway of glass-walled rooms; in them, robots learn to gamble, bathe, have sex. Suddenly, an army of security guards fires at them.

Armistice and Hector duck into a storage room, where scores of naked robots stand. They slit a guard's throat. Armistice grabs his gun. Chortling at its power, she offs several guards.

The foursome barge into a power-generating room, then into another lab. In here, however, the robots are Samuri practicing swordplay.

"What is this place?" Maeve asks.

"It's complicated," Felix answers.

It sure is.

Yesterday I wrote about The Crown's pricey production values. Westworld's budget makes The Crown's look spare. In this single sequence, there are multiple sets, hundreds of precisely costumed extras, elaborate stunts, and CGI. Yet this isn't an exception — every sequence is like this.

Here's the true marker of HBO's financial commitment, though: The network allowed series creators Lisa Joy and Jonathan Nolan to shut down production in the middle of season one so they could craft a richer story. And they won't air season two until 2018, because Joy and Nolan need a year to write.

Extras, costumes, sets, CGI — all are costly. But in TV, the most lavish luxury — and the most rewarding — is time.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

Pitt's custody files won't be sealed

PRIVACY

Agreement calls for visits guided by a therapist

A judge on Wednesday rejected Brad Pitt's request to seal details about custody arrangements in his divorce from Angelina Jolie Pitt.

Los Angeles Superior Court Richard J. Burdge Jr. denied Pitt's request in a brief written order that states the filing did not meet the requirements for sealing details at this time. Pitt had sought to seal details of his custody dispute with Jolie Pitt at an emergency hearing, but Burdge declined to hear the petition on an expedited basis.

Pitt's motion came two days after the release of a custody agreement that he and his estranged wife reached in late October. The agreement calls for the actor to have visitation with his children under the guidance of a therapist.

Pitt intends to seek temporary custody orders soon, and his filing states that he wanted those documents sealed to protect the children's privacy. He was also seeking the sealing of any custody-related filings.

"I am extremely concerned that if court records regarding custody are not sealed, information contained therein will cause irreparable damage to our children's privacy rights," Pitt wrote in a sworn declaration filed Wednesday.

Pitt's attorney Gary Fishbein declined comment after the hearing.

Brad Pitt intends to seek temporary custody orders and wanted those documents sealed to protect his children's privacy.
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Jolie Pitt filed for divorce in September and currently has primary custody of their six children.

Her attorneys wrote in court filings Wednesday that Pitt's request was an attempt to shield himself from embarrassing details.

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Calli Zwierschke
Electrical Apprentice

WOMEN IN THE SKILLED TRADES CAN HAVE IT ALL, EVEN DURING PREGNANCY

Over a five-year period (2007–2012), the number of women in skilled trades jumped by 66 percent, according to Statistics Canada. As more women and companies have realized the tremendous opportunities available, it's a trend that has continued.

One woman's path into skilled trades
Calli Zwierschke is a 25-year-old from St. Catharines, ON who is just weeks away from achieving her dream — officially becoming a licensed construction and maintenance electrician. In her fifth year as an apprentice, Zwierschke is also eight months pregnant with her first child.

Early on in life she knew what she wanted to do, partially thanks to a high school co-op term where she and twenty fellow students built a house for Habitat for Humanity. After that, her career path was clear.

"I grew up on a farm and my dad is a welder millwright," she says. " I always loved working with my hands and didn't want a job where I would have to sit at a desk all day."

Zwierschke attended a one-year program at Sheridan College where she picked up practical knowledge through hands-on training and classroom instruction. It confirmed her choice of profession, and she applied to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) to start her apprenticeship.

How has having a baby affected her career path? It hasn't. Despite her initial concerns, she found her employer, Modern Niagara Building Controls, has been responsive to her needs. Around the six-month mark of her pregnancy, the demands of the job necessitated a change.

"At first, I thought I would take a sick leave for the rest of my term," recalls Zwierschke. "And come back to work after my maternity leave. But my employer wanted me to stay and offered me a job as project coordinator where I can split my time between being in the office and out in the field."

It's been a positive experience — better than she could have possibly hoped. "They've been so accommodating for things like doctor appointments. It's worked out perfectly."

Looking down the road into the future, Zwierschke says she won't hesitate to share her skills and teach her daughter how to use power tools. Perhaps she might follow in her mother's footsteps and join the growing number of Canadian women in skilled trades.

Michele Sponagle

COMMERCIAL FEATURE

Shelly Vo
Cabinet Maker,
Humber Graduate

THE RIGHT TOOLS TO BUILD A CAREER

When someone graduates from a post-secondary institution, they want a job that will lead to a career. This is what Toronto's Humber College strives for, and it has the graduates to prove it.

One of those graduates is cabinetmaker Shelly Vo, who recently completed a one-year cabinet making program. "I tried a bunch of different things, but it was only when I discovered the program at Humber that I could see a career for myself," Vo says. "They give you the skills to get a job."

Humber College's focus on polytechnic programs, a third option between university and college, blends theoretical knowledge with hands-on, practical experience. This is good not only for graduates but also businesses that can hire job-ready workers.

Following your passions can be your best career move
"Growing up, I never thought that as a woman I would ever work in the trades, but I tried woodworking and discovered I love it," Vo says. "The Humber program prepares you to be successful right from the beginning. You learn how to read a measuring tape properly, and use machinery that you will find in a small shop, and the kind of state-of-the-art machinery found in big companies."

Vo admits she doubted whether the trades was a good career choice, because there aren't a lot women in these types of careers, but she credits the college, who answered all her questions and encouraged her to pursue this career path. Vo adds that she now has the experience to walk into a shop and feel comfortable operating machines and using tools.

Women find success in the trades
With only one other woman in her small shop, which is home to several Humber graduates, her gender has never been an issue. "It's a very team-oriented environment and everyone feels equal in our shop. Humber brings up cabinetmakers that are respectful," she says. "I would encourage young women in high school to take woodworking and other trades courses. The sooner you figure out doing what you love, the longer you can enjoy doing it."

Ken Donohue

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Alicia Woods Helping Women Gear up for Success in Mining

Covergalls' Alicia Woods shares what inspired her workwear line for women.

Alicia Woods, 38 year-old general manager of Marcotte Mining Machinery, grew up in a family of mining industry workers in Sudbury and always envisioned herself one day filling those work boots. "My father never made me feel there was anything I couldn't do because I was female," she says. When Woods suited up for her first job below ground in 2000, she knew this industry was the perfect fit for her — but to her surprise, the workwear was not.

Mediaplanet What was the problem with the existing workwear?

Alicia Woods When I first went to get my gear, there was nothing for women. I just got the smallest of everything and I just made do. When I went underground, I asked where the bathroom was. The other workers laughed and pointed to the end of a dark tunnel and said, "There you go!" I couldn't imagine taking off all my workwear to go to the bathroom.

MP In response, you created Covergalls, workwear for women. How are your products different?

AW I incorporated a two-way zipper in the front and a rear trap door, like old-school long johns. The crotch isn't down to the knees, the armpits aren't big and baggy, and there's no loose material. You still want to feel good when you're in workwear.

MP What has the response been?

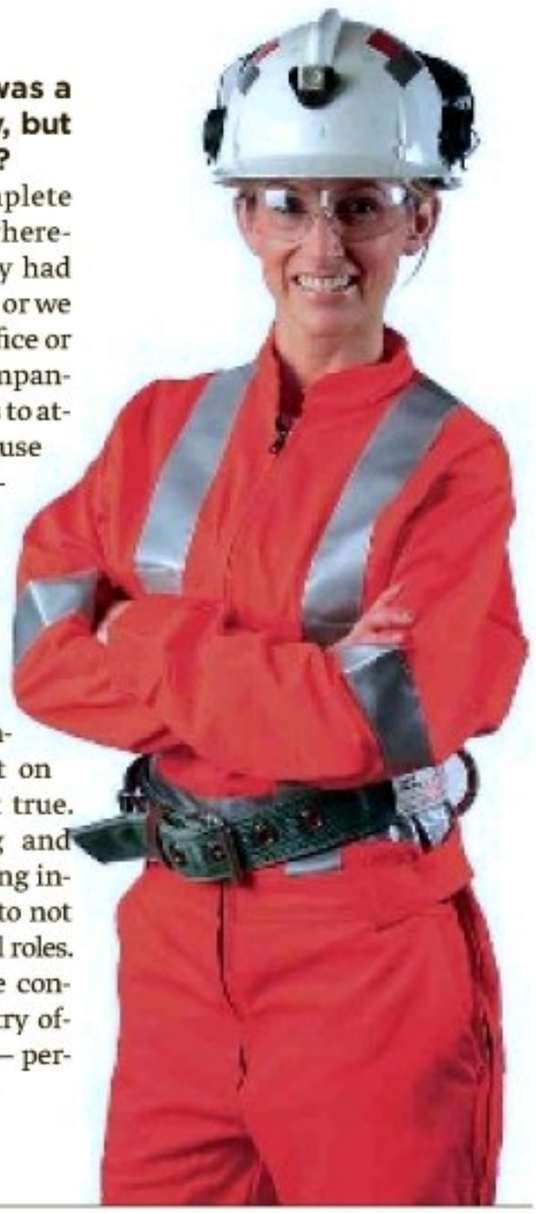
AW Oh my gosh, it's been extremely positive. Women are really happy that they're not wearing their male colleagues' clothing and they have workwear that they can function in. They now feel a part of these industries.

MP In the past, mining was a male-dominated industry, but how is that changing now?

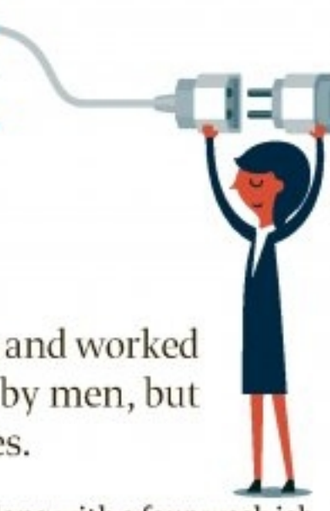
AW Now there are complete change sites for women, whereas before it was lucky if they had converted a closet for women or we just changed in someone's office or the bathroom. A lot of the companies are also creating programs to attract and retain women, because they know that we need diversity in the workplace. It's far more welcoming.

MP What is your message to women considering this industry?

AW We tend to think of miners as being dirty, with soot on their face, but that is so not true. There are tons of exciting and well-paying roles in the mining industry. I think women need to not limit themselves to traditional roles. At least give the trades some consideration. The mining industry offers opportunity and growth — personal, career, and financial.



CHANGING THE FACE OF THE TRADES



"We Can Do It!" was the rallying cry for millions of Canadian women who picked up the tools and worked in the skilled trades during World War II. In the decades since, the trades became dominated by men, but that notion is growing old. Slowly, more women are discovering rewarding careers in the trades.

Kathy Choquette is one of them. "After high school, I took business administration and worked in an office, but I hated it," she says. "I had never considered a career in the trades. But I wanted to be active and move around. So I took an 18-week program for women in the trades."

Currently working as a foreman on Ottawa's light rapid transit project, Choquette is glad her path led to a diverse and rewarding career. An electrician of 26 years, she finds a lot of satisfaction helping big projects come together. Her only lament is that more women haven't joined the trades.

Mentors provide the best tool

Getting more women interested in these diverse and well-paying careers is a priority among industry groups, including the Ontario College of Trades, which is the regulatory body for all 156 trades in Ontario. "When we look at underrepresented groups in the trades, women top the list," says David Tsubouchi, the College's Registrar and CEO. "We need to get the message to young women and their parents that a career in the trades is a great option — something that women should consider." He adds that one of the best ways to let women know about these exciting careers is to see other women working in the trades.

One vocal advocate in getting more women interested in the trades is 43-year-old refrigeration and air conditioning systems mechanic Brandi Ferenc. "I got into the trades when I was 30. I went to university and then worked in advertising, but I didn't enjoy it," she says. "I come from a family of tradespeople, and many of my male friends were in the trades, and I would hear about the variety of work and how interesting their days were."

Ferenc says a 10-month *Women in Skilled Trades* course, which provided skill building and the safety certifications required to work on job site, along with a four-week job placement, was pivotal in helping her career transition.

"I wish I had gotten into the trades earlier, instead of spinning my wheels," Ferenc says. "We need to change the perception and stigma of the trades. It has always been presented as a *plan B*, and lower option than going to university. Those days are over. The trades are highly technical and require a lot of smarts — it's no longer just about doing labour."

Ken Donohue

Kathy Choquette
Electrician, Construction and Maintenance

Brandi Ferenc
Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic

David Tsubouchi
CEO, Registrar of the Ontario College of Trades

Q&A Women Building Futures

JudyLynn Archer, President and CEO of Women Building Futures, teams up with Rosemary Sparks, Executive Director of BuildForce Canada, to discuss the impact women can have on the trades.

JudyLynn Archer
President, CEO, Women Building Futures

Rosemary Sparks
Executive Director, BuildForce Canada

Mediaplanet What inspired the creation of Women Building Futures (WBF) in 1998?

JudyLynn Archer WBF was the inspiration of a group of social workers who work in Edmonton, AB. They wanted to create a solution to help women get out of poverty in a way they would never have to go back. They believed helping women get into carpentry would be the way to achieve it. Over the years, WBF has built on that original dream — offering training in carpentry, sheet metal, welding, electrical, pipefitting and plumbing, heavy equipment operating, ironworking, insulating, and building Canada's first trades training centre for women. It is becoming the go-to place for women who want to explore, pursue, or advance a career in Canada's construction and maintenance industry, and for the hiring employers.

Mediaplanet What is a current priority for the trades industry?

Rosemary Sparks The construction industry is going to lose close to a quarter of a million skilled tradespeople to retirement over the next 10 years. This will impact all trades, so the industry will need to replenish the workforce with the next generation of workers. This means attracting all sources of labour, including women.

MP What advice would you give to a woman considering a career in the trades?

RS If women think construction trades might be an option for them, they should talk to people in the trades, and take any opportunities to try the trades they are interested in: co-op programs, career exploration programs, and summer jobs. If they select a skilled trade, be sure they complete their apprenticeship and get their certificate of qualification. Construction is like any career: you need to be well prepared, and ready to work, to benefit from all the available opportunities.

MP What changes have you noticed in the industry since then?

RS Huge changes. Back in 1998, the industry was reluctant to hire WBF graduates. Today, as the industry faces a mass exodus of one-quarter of the entire construction workforce in Canada (over 250,000 workers), the industry is seeking numerous solutions to meet their workforce needs. We work with over 300 employers now, all of whom are very engaged in hiring and apprenticing WBF graduates. It is a 180 over 1998!

EARN WHILE YOU LEARN

Women in greater numbers discovering benefits of trade apprenticeship programs.

"My advice for women going into the trades is to pursue it as if it was any other occupation. If you wanted to be a rock star, you wouldn't say, 'Well it's a male-dominated field.' You'd be strummin' away on your guitar, or belting out a song to show them what you've got. Same thing here." Elizabeth, Carpenter. Photo by Catherine Farquharson, Courtesy of Canadian Women's Foundation.

When Karen Pullen visits downtown Toronto, she experiences a feeling of accomplishment. As an Industrial and Commercial Electrician, she has worked on the city's most well-known buildings, like the SkyDome (now Rogers Centre) and Scotia Plaza. "I have such a sense of pride," she says.

Choosing a career with ample rewards

Sense of accomplishment is just one reason an increasing number of women like Pullen are seeking careers in the trades. Though they make up just 8-10 percent of the tradespeople in Canada, more are joining the ranks. Working as a tradeswoman in the unionized Building Trades ensures equal pay for equal work and in Building Trades workplaces, safety is a top priority.

Pullen started her apprenticeship in 1989 without any hesitation. It was the first step to a livelihood that offered a good living wage, benefits, a pension plan, and doing something she loves.

Growing up with a Millwright father, she knew early on she wanted a job in the trades too. "I was always taking things apart," she recalls. "I'd read manuals and fix things like washing machines on my own. My disposition was always to be self-sufficient."

That continues today, thanks to the wealth of knowledge she's gained over the years on construction sites. "I always say to young women that it's not just that you can earn a living doing this," she explains. "It boosts your self-esteem. When you own a home, you have the knowledge to fix things yourself. That helps give you the kind of confidence you need to tackle anything that comes up in life."

Pullen, now a representative with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 353, also enjoys the camaraderie in her profession. "We are a close-knit group. I have family — people who I love and trust. And I've got a place where I always belong."

More women welcomed to careers in trades

Don Schultz has been a Millwright in Toronto for more than 35 years. "It's a great career. It's not a job," he says. "You go to a site, put together the machinery, whether it's a conveyer system or turbines. When you leave, you know that you've contributed a piece of that puzzle. It's so gratifying and no day is ever the same."

Now in his role as coordinator of apprenticeship training with the Millwrights Regional Council of Ontario, Schultz is hoping that more women will join the ranks. "I'd like to see more in our trade," he says. "We've seen women really excel in the field. They are eager to prove themselves and they do great."

He thinks that maybe a career in trades is just not on the radar enough. His organization and others like the Provincial Building and Construction Trades Council of Ontario are getting the word out to women about the potential rewards accessed through apprenticeships. They offer a unique opportunity to learn while you earn, combining hands-on experience with eight weeks of classroom instruction for every 2,000 hours worked.

Ontario sees a 98 percent completion rate amongst Millwright apprenticeships. Currently, 546 Millwrights (or "machine doctors," as Schultz describes them) are working and studying in the province. "Applicants tend to stick to it," he says. "It's our culture. And it's a desire to achieve their certificate of qualification that says standards have been met. That safety issues are addressed and the work is of a high quality."

"We have some women applicants," says Schultz. "They can do very well in this business, but we'd love to see more. We're hoping those already in the trades will also encourage others to say, 'You should try it, too.' It has so much to offer."

Michele Sponagle

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GTA West Corridor more than a highway

Bryan Tuckey
For Metro Canada

Traffic congestion is a big issue in the GTA, especially in areas that have experienced considerable growth in recent years.

Our transportation infrastructure, the roads that move people and goods across the GTA and beyond, hasn't kept pace with the increase of vehicles using it.

The province has long talked about a designated stretch of area known as the GTA West Corridor, a proposed transportation corridor running from York Region through Peel Region to Halton Region, which would provide a critical east-west connection.

The corridor would include a 400-series highway, a transitway and potential features giving priority to the movement of goods.

This project has been on-again, off-again and is once again under consideration by the province. The corridor would not only help alleviate traffic congestion, it would allow impacted municipalities to move forward with their plans for development in the area. The need to make a decision on the corridor is important for everyone. Moving people and goods has become more critical than ever. Traffic congestion is a huge concern across the region that will only get worse without the proper infrastructure planning. Over the next 20 years the Greater Golden Horseshoe will grow by 100,000 people and 80,000 jobs annually. This means approximately 1.5 million additional passenger- and commercial-vehicle trips per day in the GTA West Corridor area by 2031.

The corridor would be more than just a highway. Its central location will connect urban growth centres, facilitate the growth of new employment and businesses and create greater economic competitiveness.

We strongly support a transportation network like the one the GTA West Corridor would enable. It plays a significant role in sustaining the type of development that is in line with the province's intensification policies. It would allow us to plan and create complete communities within the area, which are needed to meet future population growth.

The current uncertainly around the corridor is not only preventing land-use planning efforts but also affecting the economic development initiatives that strive to make the region an attractive place to do business.

Concerns surrounding the fate of the corridor has brought the land-use planning of local and regional governments to a stand-still in some areas.

The corridor is an essential and long-awaited improvement to our infrastructure. The province needs to make a decision so the opportunity to plan for its development is not lost and everyone can move forward.

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MEET THE CONDO

Party room, bar lounge and Humber River views

Project overview

Phase one will consist of a 21-storey metal and glass tower with a six-storey podium, perched on the edge of the Humber River Valley and surrounded by green space, a new municipal park and the river valley itself.

Building amenities

Amenities will include a two-storey lobby with fireplace lounge and concierge. There's a second floor fitness facility, a seventh floor party room, dining room with kitchen and a lounge with bar, and a terrace with barbecues overlooking the river.

Location and transit

The condo is situated in the heart of the Kingsway, near the Royal York TTC subway platform, and a short drive to Highway 401 or the Gardiner Expressway. Cyclists have several bike paths to choose from.

In the neighbourhood

The area boasts a variety of golf courses, the Humber River Recreational Trail and more than 15 schools. Nearby is a wide selection of local restaurants and the trendy shops of Bloor West and Kingsway Village.

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EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

What: Kingsway by the River
Builder: Urban Capital Property Group
Architect: Wallman Architects
Interiors: Bryon Patton and Associates
Location: 4208 Dundas St. W.
Building: Two towers with 351 units, 80 towns and retail.
Sizes: 550 to 1,100 sq. ft.
Pricing: $350,900 to more than $800,000
Suites: One bedroom, one bedroom plus den, two bedroom, two bedroom plus den, and three bedroom towns.
Status: Pre-construction, registration phase.
Sales Centre: 4210 Dundas St. W.
Hours: Register for information
Phone: 416-546-1721
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Taxes and penalties that you weren't anticipating can cause headaches. ISTOCK

LEGAL MATTERS

Property taxes can be tricky to figure out

Jeffrey Cowan
For Metro Canada

Q: We have sold our home, and our lawyer has contacted us because we owe property taxes that were not adjusted for at the time of closing.

We were paying our taxes in monthly installments on the 15th of every month. We sold the house on Sept. 20 and so we cancelled the October, November and December automatic withdrawals from our bank account.

Now our lawyer says that we owe penalties and arrears from the time of closing until the city caught up with the new owners. How does this work?

A: Each municipality is different, but in Toronto, the property taxes are paid in six installments (February, March, April and July, August, September). By setting up monthly installments you are blending your payments over twelve months instead of six.

However, when you cancel these monthly installments, the tax reverts back to the original system, which in this case means that the last payment is due at the beginning of September. So, on Sept. 20 the entire remaining amount of taxes for the year becomes immediately due.

If this installment is late, the city charges interest and penalties for late payment, and although the charge shouldn't be large, it is still due and payable to the municipality.

Property taxes can be tricky if you pay in another manner than the prescribed six installments.

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"Each week we build on top of each other and we get closer as the year goes on. It really feels like it's a culmination this week": TFC's Justin Morrow

Paradigm pitch shifting

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

Vanney's hiring coincides with TFC's run to championship

Laurie Wilson
Metro | Toronto

From comically bad to chronically inept. Then competent failure and now the verge of history.

Times have certainly changed at Toronto FC.

"As an entire club we've done an amazing job of being able to shift that paradigm in just a couple years," Toronto head coach Greg Vanney said on a conference call Monday. "It's an exciting time for the city here."

But when Vanney became the club's ninth head coach midway through the franchise's eighth season on Aug. 31, 2014, the outlook was dire.

By the end of that campaign, another playoff-less seventh-place finish, fan discontent was starting to show at the turnstiles. Jermain Defoe — the "Bloody Big Deal" who was less than a year removed from joining TFC from Tottenham Hotspur — was angling for a move back to the Premier League.

Toronto FC was at a crossroads.

"Losing can become as much of a habit as winning. And for me that was one of the biggest challenges," said Vanney who initially joined the club in December 2013 as assistant GM and academy director. "I could kind of feel within the club that we still couldn't get out of our own way and believe enough in what we were doing."

Toronto FC will try to keep the party going with its fans this Saturday. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

In the 2014 off-season, the Reds offloaded Defoe to Sunderland in exchange for American striker Jozy Altidore before they opened the vaults to pry Sebastian Giovinco from Italy's Juventus. The pair combined with captain Michael Bradley to form a top-tier trio of designated players.

The team started to believe.

Giovinco immediately lit up the league, scoring a combined 22 goals and 16 assists in 33 matches played. Altidore notched 13 goals in 25 games as Toronto finished 15-15-4 to clinch its first-ever playoff appearance only to disappointingly flame out in the first round in Montreal.

The offence was clearly elite but there were weaknesses elsewhere, so last off-season the TFC front office moved to solidify its squad from the back out for 2016.

Steady-handed Clint Irwin was brought in as goalkeeper and Drew Moor and Steven Beitashour added experience and security to the Reds' back line.

Toronto's Will Johnson came aboard to add intensity and key goals to the midfield and Edmonton's Tosaint Ricketts and Panama's Armando Cooper joined mid-season to bolster the attack.

Those key acquisitions and the continued development of young talents like Jonathan Osorio and Jordan Hamiliton gave TFC a deeply talented and versatile squad to surround its three star DPs.

And despite eight games on the road to start 2016 and a number of injuries and international absences, Toronto found consistency. Perhaps most importantly, a previously shoddy defence has become reliable, finishing the season tied for third-best in the league with 39 goals allowed.

A third-place finish led to a thrilling playoff run that culminates with the Reds hosting the MLS Cup on Saturday.

Under Vanney, TFC has bailed out a sinking ship and now only the Seattle Sounders stand in the way of the Reds becoming Canada's first-ever MLS champion.

Yes, after pain and frustration for the majority of a 10-year existence, it's heady times at Toronto FC.

"We've been able to turn what had been a tough path into a very bright future and that's probably the biggest challenge," Vanney said. "You can't win championships if you have a culture that isn't right and so that's been our biggest challenge, but it's also been our biggest success so far."

BY THE NUMBERS

60-114-67

TFC's all-time record before Greg Vanney became head coach.

31-30-17

TFC's record since Vanney took the helm in August 2014.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Borussia holds off Madrid

With a late equalizer by substitute Marco Reus, Borussia Dortmund drew 2-2 with defending champion Real Madrid on Wednesday to win Group F and set a scoring record of 21 goals in the group stage of the Champions League.

Karim Benzema netted in each half at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium to give Madrid a 2-0 lead, but forward Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang pulled the German side closer in the 61st and Reus struck the equalizer in the 88th.

"In the end it was a happy outcome for us," Dortmund coach Thomas Tuchel said. "It was very important to stand up to Real Madrid twice. We played full of courage."

Dortmund had already drawn 2-2 with Madrid when they met in Germany.

Madrid was left with the consolation prize of matching the club's 34-game unbeaten streak that had stood since the late 1980s.

"We had a lot of opportunities to put the game away and we didn't," Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane said. "We played a good match but couldn't get the win, now we have to move on. In the end it was well-deserved for them (Dortmund)."

Dortmund finished the group with 14 points, two more than Madrid. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Marco Reus GETTY IMAGES

Making noise nothing new for Sounders

Seattle standout Nicolas Lodeiro has four goals in five matches in these playoffs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

When the Reds look across the midway line on Saturday, they'll see a big-game tested bunch from Seattle.

Like his Toronto counterpart Greg Vanney, Brian Schmetzer knows a thing or two about turning a team around.

When the Seattle native took over as interim head coach from Sigi Schmid on July 26, the Sounders were 6-12-2 and outside of the playoff picture.

Schmetzer knew he had little room for slippage.

Turns out no problem.

The Sounders went 9-2-4 the rest of the way to finish fourth in the Western Conference and earn a spot in the post-season.

"We were in a place where every game was a must-win game just to reach the playoffs," Schmetzer said earlier this week.

> **Looking forward to going there and hopefully providing another good, entertaining soccer match.**
> Brian Schmetzer

The roll continued in the playoffs with a win over Sporting Kansas City in the opening round, then a 3-1 aggregate win over FC Dallas, followed by a 3-1 victory versus the Colorado Rapids over two legs in the West final.

"When there's a coaching change, teams always take a mental shift one way or the other. Either they start to feel freer and start to flow or sometimes they can go the other way and they can fall apart," said Vanney.

"Obviously he's pulled the right strings to get that team flowing smooth and in an organized fashion ... they're on a fantastic run."

As the Sounders prepare for Saturday, Schmetzer takes heart in the fact his club has been playing with its back against the wall for two-plus months.

"Fast forward to now, the MLS Cup, it's a one-game, one-off for the championship, so I think my team is seasoned," said Schmetzer who was named permanent head coach Nov. 2. "We've come through some adversity at times and figured out ways how to win games so I do think that that has kind of helped us." LAURIE WILSON/METRO

RESULTS

- **Tottenham 3,** CSKA 1
- **Porto 5,** Leicester 0
- Lyon 0, Sevilla 0
- Club Brugge 0,
- **FC Copenhagen 2**
- **Bayer 3,** Monaco 0
- **Legia Warsaw 1,**
- Sporting 0
- Real Madrid 2, Dortmund 2
- **Juventus 2,**
- Dinamo Zagreb 0

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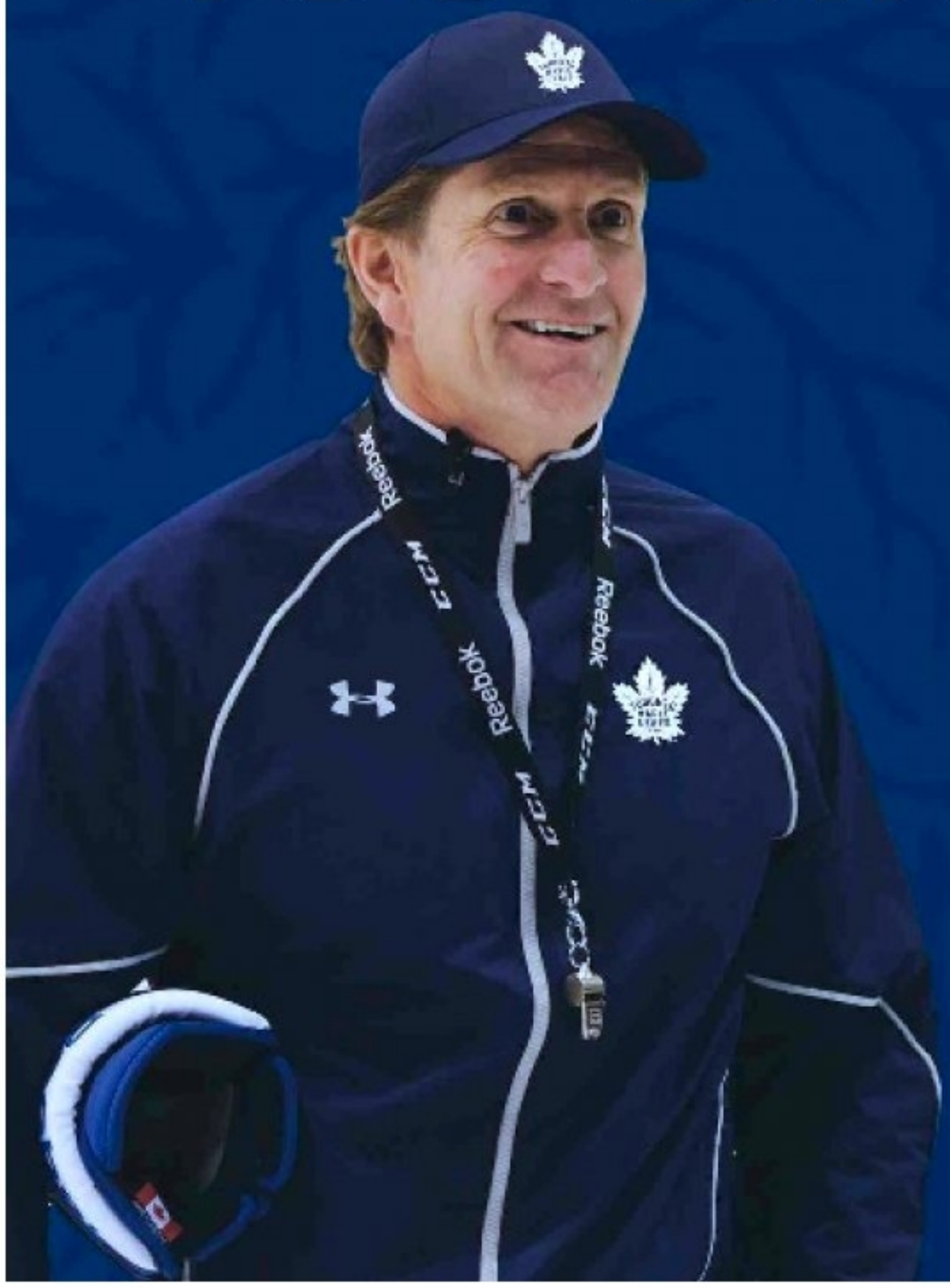

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Saturday's card has many Canadian fans wanting more

Joe Callaghan
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How different things might have been.

Massey Hall was sleepy and hollow Wednesday at lunchtime as the first foray of UFC 206 fight week summed up so much. As Anthony Pettis — one half of the headline act of the organization's first pay-per-view card on Canadian soil in almost two years — took centre stage, there were barely 60 souls inside the grand old venue.

Had original plans come to fruition, the place would have been packed to the rafters. When the UFC announced its return to the Air Canada Centre in August, the expectation was this would be the new regime welcoming back an icon of the past.

The UFC had been sold for $4.2 billion in the summer and as much as Conor McGregor and Ronda Rousey's wild popularity had helped drive up the record price tag, the founding fathers played their part too, none more than Georges St-Pierre.

Now the man behind the initials GSP would finally be returning front and centre. St-Pierre, who hasn't fought in three years, enrolled in USADA's drug testing program which, as it happened, would have made him eligible to return by this Saturday. There were just contractual negotiations to navigate.

Anthony Pettis spars during a UFC 206 workout at Massey Hall on Wednesday. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

And then nothing happened.

Talks were fruitless, barriers insurmountable. The UFC instead announced Daniel Cormier would put his light heavyweight title on the line against Anthony (Rumble) Johnson in the main event of a fight card that was shallow on names and left fans deep on reservations. There was even a social media push for a boycott.

Two weeks ago Cormier got injured, a new main event was fabricated from thin air and things went from bad to worse to Wednesday — the eerie emptiness inside Massey Hall. All of this in a country and city that five years ago shattered the sport's record when 55,724 fans packed into the Rogers Centre for UFC 129.

> **Unfortunately I think for this event, there will be more viewers for the prelims than the pay-per-view.**
> Olivier Aubin-Mercier

"It's unfortunate that Rumble and Cormier couldn't fight, but I don't know if people were quite excited about that anyway," said Mark Hominick, the retired UFC fighter who served as GSP's supporting act on that historic 2011 card. "Behind the scenes, the UFC were definitely hoping to have Georges. That would have been such a highlight for Canada, to come back in Toronto and headline a home card. That would have been huge."

Instead Pettis and Max Holloway are headlining a card that has left many questioning the relationship between Canada and the UFC. In short, it's complicated.

The new regime hasn't done much to inspire confidence north of the border, laying off almost the entirety of its Canadian office including its well-liked chief, Tom Wright. The country's most high-profile competitor, B.C.'s Rory MacDonald, was allowed to jump ship to rival organization Bellator. Now comes a pay-per-view that many fans consider barely above free-to-air Fight Night standard.

It's all a world removed from the turn of the decade when the UFC held nine Canadian PPVs in the space of three years. There have been just two in the three years since.

But, according to Hominick, Canada hasn't quite been holding up its part of the bargain either.

"Georges leaving was huge and no one has really stepped up to fill that void," he told Metro. "There was so much pride with being Canadian and having Georges represent us. What we need is to get a new crop of stars and get behind them."

It was perhaps best summed up by one of Saturday's home-based fighters. Olivier Aubin-Mercier was asked yesterday about being booked for the preliminary card, which airs on TSN, rather than the usually much higher profile pay-per-view portion.

"I like to be on the prelims because all my friends and family don't have to pay the pay-per-view," said the Quebec Kid. "Unfortunately I think for this event, there will be more viewers for the prelims than the pay-per-view. Even if the main fighters are a really interesting fight ... the pay-per-view is going to get hit."

How different things might have been.

UPSTART CANUCKS

Three Canadians who could step up in the post GSP/Rory MacDonald vacuum:

Misha Cirkunov

Undefeated in three UFC fights to date, the Latvia-born Torontonian is a bona fide prospect at light heavyweight. A victory over Nikita Krylov on Saturday could spur big things.

Chad Laprise

Laprise rebounded from back-to-back defeats with an impressive TKO win in Vancouver in August. Now the London, Ont., striker hopes a move up to welterweight will pay dividends.

Elias Theodorou

The Mississauga middleweight talks a great game and, other than a solitary defeat last December, has largely backed it up. The Spartan will likely return to the octagon in Halifax in February.

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Free agent Encarnacion in 'wait and see mode'

MLB

Competitors and age against Edwin in hunt for big payday

Andrew Fifield
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As one of the game's premier power hitters over the past few seasons, many expected Blue Jays slugger Edwin Encarnacion to cash in on free agency this off-season.

If Encarnacion's payday is indeed coming, it's been taking its sweet time — and some reports say it may not come at all.

After taking a pass on Toronto's offer of $80 million over four years, Yahoo columnist Jeff Passan tweeted that Encarnacion is in "wait-and-see mode" after his offers began to settle in the range of $60 million over three years. Encarnacion has watched his market crumble as teams that were originally thought to be suitors — particularly the Boston Red Sox and the Houston Astros — signed other players to fill their Edwin-shaped job openings.

Edwin Encarnacion is still waiting for the right offer in free agency. ELSA/GETTY IMAGES

The Jays themselves quickly moved on after Encarnacion passed on the four-year offer, signing Kendrys Morales and Steve Pearce as part of a strategy general manager Ross Atkins described as acquiring "several pieces instead of one."

Encarnacion had another productive year at the plate in 2016, crushing 42 home runs and driving in 127 RBI while splitting time between designated hitter and first base as the Jays made a second consecutive appearance in the ALCS.

> **He's too good for the price to go much lower.**
> An unnamed MLB GM on Edwin Encarnacion

However, age and timing may be hampering his earning potential. Encarnacion will turn 34 next month and is competing with some other big bats like Mark Trumbo and Chris Carter for free agency money.

That earning potential is unlikely to erode much further, though. Passan quoted one MLB GM warning others not to linger if they want to sign the slugger because "he's too good for the price to go much lower."

Canada's Kylie Jacqueline Masse shows off her silver medal in the women's 100m backstroke. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

SWIMMING

Masse wins silver in 100m backstroke

Canada raced to a pair of silver medals at the world short-course swimming championships on Wednesday.

Kylie Masse of LaSalle, Ont., picked up one in the women's 100-metre backstroke, the event in which she won bronze at last summer's Rio Olympics. And Yuri Kisil, Markus Thormeyer, Michelle Williams and Sandrine Mainville raced to second place in the mixed 4x50 freestyle relay.

Penny Oleksiak of Toronto, whose four-medal performance was one of the highlights of the Rio Games, broke her own Canadian record in the 100 freestyle in both the heats and semifinals Wednesday. She swam 52.19 seconds in Wednesday night's semifinals.

Masse, Oleksiak, Williams and Kelsey Wog of Regina narrowly missed a medal in the 4x50 medley relay earlier in the night.

Canada has three medals in the meet's first two days. Taylor Ruck kicked off the medal parade on Tuesday, winning bronze in the women's 200 freestyle.

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IN BRIEF

Jones loses at the National
Winnipeg skip Jennifer Jones dropped an 8-3 decision to Switzerland's Binia Feltscher on Wednesday afternoon at the National.

Jones, who's coming off a Canada Cup victory last weekend, gave up three points in the opening end and four more points in the fifth. Scotland's Eve Muirhead defeated Edmonton's Kelsey Rocque 8-3 and Allison Flaxey of Caledon, Ont., posted a 6-5 win over Tracy Fleury of Sudbury, Ont.

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Source: Desmond to Rockies
All-Star free agent outfielder Ian Desmond and the Colorado Rockies have agreed to a $70 million, five-year contract, a person familiar with the negotiation said. The person spoke on condition of anonymity Wednesday because the agreement had not been announced.

A versatile 31-year-old, Desmond hit .285 with 22 homers and 86 RBIs this year in his lone season with Texas, earning his first All-Star trip since 2012.

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Jays sign pitcher Oberholtzer
The Toronto Blue Jays have signed left-handed pitcher Brett Oberholtzer to a minor-league deal with an invitation to spring training.

The 27-year-old has a 14-23 record with a 4.36 earned-run average over four seasons with Houston, Philadelphia and the Los Angeles Angels. The six-foot-one, 225-pound native of Christiana, Del., made 24 starts for the Astros in 2014, going 5-13 with a 4.39 ERA and 94 strikeouts.

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- 2 cloves garlic, minced
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- 1/4 cup ricotta
- 1 cup pumpkin purée
- 1 cup chicken broth
- fresh grated nutmeg to taste
- Salt to taste
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, plus more for garnish

Directions

1. Cook pasta according to directions. Once al dente, reserve 1/4 cup of the cooking water and draim.

2. While pasta cooks, heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add shallots, garlic and sage and cook until tender, 5 to 7 minutes.

3. Add the ricotta, pumpkin purée, chicken broth, nutmeg and a pinch of salt; stir until combined.

4. Stir in pasta and coat with sauce. Add reserved pasta water to thin sauce to desired consistency. Mix in Parmesan cheese.

5. Serve pasta with sprinkling of Parmesan cheese and chopped sage.

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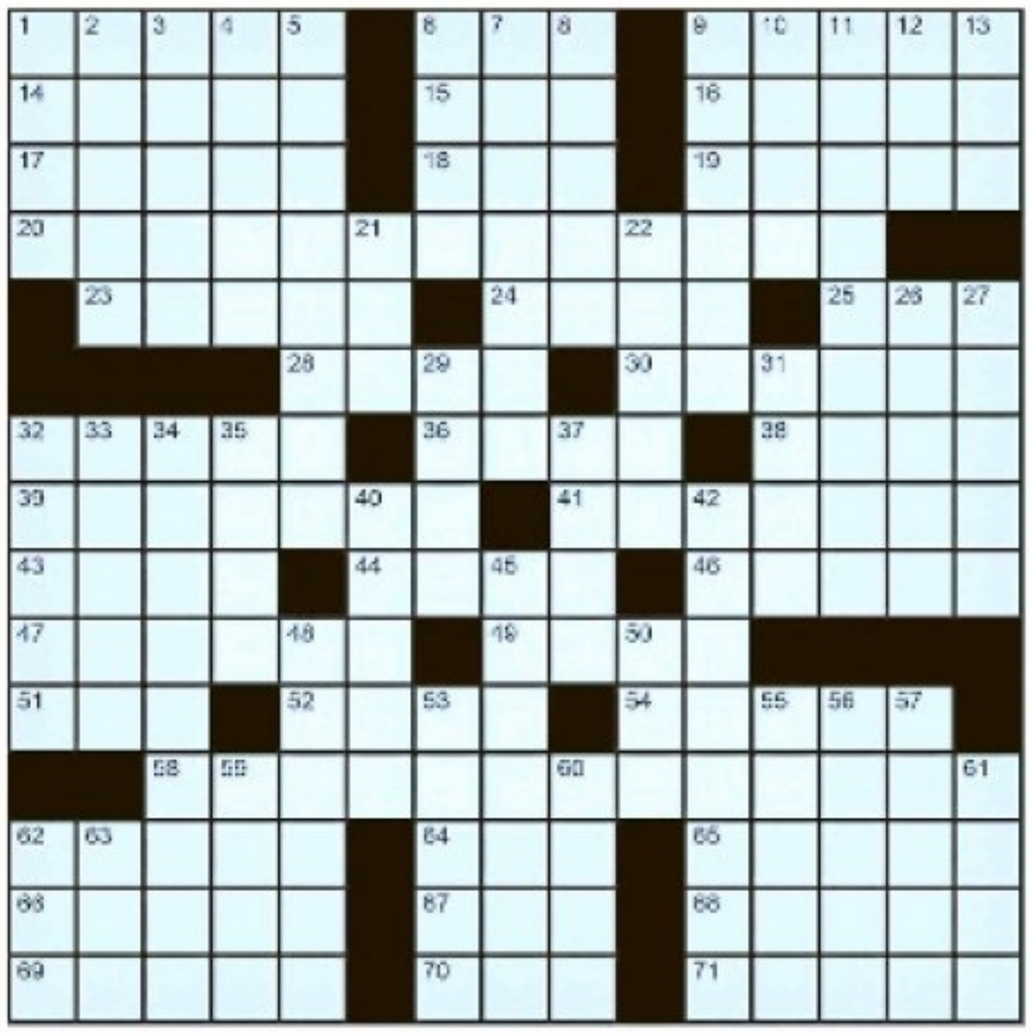

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1. Cramp
6. Ship's stern
9. Got Z's
14. __ couture
15. Quarrel
16. Real estate listings
17. Those in the know, __ circle
18. Rapa __ (Easter Island)
19. "West Side Story" (1961) character
20. Canadian journalist (b.1938 - d.2005) who anchored "ABC World News Tonight": 2 wds.
23. Merle Oberon title role film of 1941
24. Ms. Moore
25. "Gimme a __!" (Wait!)
28. Tea service piece
30. Green-on-copper
32. Theatrically shows approval
36. "Coach" star, Jerry Van __
38. Rime
39. Discounted
41. Pasta consistency with a bit of a bite: 2 wds.
43. Mr. Sharif
44. Meddlesome [var. sp.]
46. Not yet established
47. Red-suited Christmastime workers
49. Eyeliner of ancient Egypt
51. Mr. Barrett of early Pink Floyd
52. Gem type
54. Antelope of Africa
58. Town in Quebec on the Richelieu River: 2 wds.
62. The blahs
64. Matterhorn, for one
65. Bert's pal
66. Cake shop 'levels'
67. Hall & Oates
68. Architectural base
69. "In case you __ noticed..."
70. Currency in Japan
71. Fishhook line

DOWN
1. Transport
2. Comic strip square
3. Like your uncle's wife
4. War horse
5. Most in the mood for Christmas
6. "Rule, Britannia" composer
7. Metal castings factory
8. String
9. Ms. Twain, Canadian music superstar
10. Lengthy
11. Air-affecting discharges
12. Dog or cat
13. US airport screening org.
21. Skull section
22. Urge forward
26. Related maternally
27. Symbol on a computer keyboard's 6 key
29. Taro root
31. And so...
32. Christianity symbol
33. Catriona __ __ Doan (Canadian Olympian/broadcaster)
34. Like a rusty car sitting out in the middle of nowhere
35. Component
37. Boxing match ender, informally
40. Come to pass as a consequence
42. Lack of shine
45. Sunny yellow - Cloud white ...and what other 'up there' hue?: 2 wds.
48. Painter or sculptor
50. "And I Love __" by The Beatles
53. Gisele's football hubby Tom
55. Item worn in the kitchen
56. Jack of "Twin Peaks"
57. Feared tool at the dentist's office
59. The Byrds' repetitive song title word!
60. Stratford-__-Avon
61. Boat's stability provider
62. Ordinal suffix
63. Ms. Long

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Today the Moon is in your sign, magnifying your emotions. Keep this in mind if you start to overreact to something going on around you or to something someone says.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Work alone or behind the scenes, because this will suit you best today. You are ambitious right now. However, you should wait to get all the facts before you take action.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
A personal discussion with a female acquaintance will be meaningful for you today. In fact, this person might influence you to change your future goals.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Personal details about your private life seem to be public knowledge today, especially in the eyes of bosses and VIPs. Do you need to do some damage control?

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Do something to expand your world and give yourself a sense of adventure. Go someplace you've never been before. Shake things up a little!

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Today is a good day to focus on financial matters related to inheritances, shared property, taxes and debt. Clear up loose details if you can.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Because the Moon is opposite your sign today, you have to be cooperative with others. Be tolerant. Be compromising. At the very least, listen to what others have to say.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Do something to make yourself feel better organized and more on top of your game. Tidy your work area. Make some proactive lists. You want to get back in the game!.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is a playful, lighthearted day. Enjoy romantic liaisons with others. Fun activities with children will delight. The arts, sports events and social occasions are great choices.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Home, family and your private life are your top priorities today. A conversation with a female relative will be important.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Trust your hunches today. Instead of thinking things through, you might have a feeling about what you should do. Sometimes, this works better.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Finances are on your mind today, and that's a good thing. It's important to know what you own and what you owe, because information is power. Get the facts so that you are in the know.

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